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Wednesday

Court Upholds Suicide Law

Bush administration wrong in Ore. dispute, justices rule

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court on Tuesday blocked the Bush administration's attempt to punish doctors who help terminally ill patients die, protecting Oregon's one-of-a-kind assisted-suicide law.

It was the first loss for Chief Justice John Roberts, who joined the court's most conservative members — Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas — in a long but restrained dissent.

The administration improperly tried to use a federal drug law to pursue Oregon doc-

tors who prescribe lethal doses of prescription medicines, the court said in a rebuke to former Attorney General John Ashcroft, who in 2001 declared that Oregon doctors who helped people die would be violating the federal Controlled Substances Act.

The 6-3 ruling could encourage other states to consider copying Oregon's law, used to end the lives of more than 200 seriously ill people in that state. The decision, one of the biggest expected from the court this year, also could set the stage for Congress to attempt to out-



Roberts

law assisted suicide.

"Congress did not have this far-reaching intent to alter the federal-state balance," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the majority — himself, retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and

Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer.

With this decision Kennedy showed signs of becoming a more influential swing voter after O'Connor departs. GINA HOLLAND (AP)



Jill Carroll in a video released to Al-Jazeera.

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Torch Lights the Way to Turin



FIRE UP: The 2006 winter Olympics torch is passed from a boat to a gondola along the Grand Canal in Venice on Tuesday. The torch relay — involving gondolas, a Ferrari, 10,000 torchbearers and a cavalry regiment — will pass through 140 Italian cities before arriving in Turin for the Feb. 10 opening ceremony.

HEROISM | The Town Liar Sheffield Lake, Ohio, officials saluted an 11-year-old boy as a "hero" Monday for telling a lie, KMGH-TV reported. After their house caught fire last week, Joe Cambria's mother tried to run back inside to save the family cat,



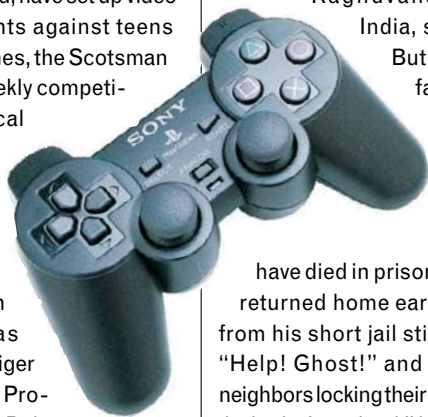
but Joe lied and told her the cat, Simba, was already safe. He then called 911. Firefighters later were able to rescue the cat, which was treated for burns. The city's mayor praised Joe's heroics at this week's city council meeting. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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POLICE

Taking Them Down To the PlayStation

Police trying to decrease youth crime in Moredun, Scotland, have set up video-game tournaments against teens charged with crimes, the Scotsman reported. The weekly competition, held at a local library, invites those who have had run-ins with the law to take on officers at PlayStation 2 games such as Gran Turismo 3, Tiger Woods Gold and Pro-Evolution Soccer. Police say that in the five weeks the program has been running, youth crime has been halved. If participants get in trouble again, they're booted from the tournament. (EXPRESS)



GHOSTS

You're Dead to Me. Actually, to All of Us

Is Raju Raghuvanshi alive or dead? Raghuvanshi, of Katra, India, says he's alive. But his friends and family say he's a ghost sent to haunt them. Believed by his friends and family to have died in prison, Raghuvanshi returned home earlier this month from his short jail stint to shouts of "Help! Ghost!" and the sounds of neighbors locking their doors. "My family thinks I am dead," he said Monday. "They will not permit me to enter my home because they think I am a ghost." Ostracized by his community, he's now living in a nearby village and struggling to prove he's alive. (AP)



DIETHER ENDLICHER/AP

HOLD ON

Sled in Some Air

Too bad "Reckless Downhill Sled Jumping" won't be an Olympic sport in Turin this winter — Gaissach, Germany, might have had a few local participants. They'd be well-prepared, at least, after holding tightly to their traditional sled while flying airborne over a ramp in an annual race on Sunday. The sleighs were formerly used to haul hay and timber logs from the mountains; participation in the race is strictly limited to local residents. (EXPRESS)



NEPOTISM

You Know the Drill — Right?

A London dentist has had her license permanently revoked after her boyfriend — who had no dental experience — worked on patients at her practice, the BBC reported. A regulatory body found Mojgan Azari guilty of serious professional misconduct after Omid Amidi-Mazaheri treated more than 600 patients between 2002 and 2003. Patients said they had cavities drilled without anesthetic and their fillings fell apart in days. Even after Azari was warned for the unregistered worker, he remained on the payroll. (EXPRESS)

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“Well, I think we know, one tends to like or enjoy grabbing headlines; the other one — sounds like the political season may be starting early.”

— Press Secretary Scott McClellan, on Al Gore and Hillary Clinton's criticism of the White House.



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In Brief



Kidnapping suspect Robert Brower, 43, is led away from the scene on Tuesday.

STATESBORO, GA.

Couple Surrenders to Police, Ending Hostage Standoff

A couple surrendered peacefully Tuesday after holding an attorney hostage in his office for more than 24 hours and telling authorities they were armed with an explosive device, police said. The suspects came out of the downtown building where they were holding attorney Michael Hostilo around 9:30 a.m., said Georgia State Patrol officials. (AP)

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

Third Teenager Charged in Beatings of Homeless Men

A third teenager was charged with murder Tuesday in a string of beatings of homeless men last week. William Ammons, 18, was charged with killing 45-year-old Norris Gaynor, who was bludgeoned with a baseball bat and died of head injuries. Police said Ammons shot the victim with a paintball gun. Ammons had been initially charged with assault. (AP)

Damage Control

→ Criticism forced Mayor C. Ray Nagin to apologize for saying God wants New Orleans to be a “chocolate city.” | Today, A Section

The Washington Post

Groups Sue to Stop Domestic Spying

Lawsuits claim Bush administration program violates Constitution

NEW YORK | Two lawsuits were filed Tuesday in federal court that seek to end President Bush's electronic eavesdropping program, saying it is illegal and exceeds his constitutional powers.

The lawsuits — one filed in New York by the Center for Constitutional Rights and the other in Detroit by the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups — say the program

bypasses safeguards in a 1978 law requiring court approval of electronic monitoring.

The Center for Constitutional Rights is suing Bush, the head of the National Security Agency and the heads of the other major security agencies.

The organization, which represents hundreds of men held as enemy combatants at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, must now audit old communications to determine whether “anything was disclosed that might undermine our representation of our clients,” said Bill Goodman, the cen-



Bill Goodman of the Center for Constitutional Rights talks to media Tuesday.

ter's director.

The Detroit lawsuit, which names the National Security Agency and its director, said the program has impaired plaintiffs' ability to gather information from sources abroad as they try to locate witnesses, represent clients, do research or engage in advocacy.

It was filed by the ACLU, the Council on American-Islamic Relations and Greenpeace on behalf of individuals and organizations that communicate with people in the Middle East, Asia and elsewhere.

LARRY NEUMEISTER (AP)

TEXAS | GUSTY WINDS SWEEP ACROSS STATE



BLUSTERY BUSINESS: A man makes his way across a street in strong winds in down town Houston Tuesday. A red flag warning for high winds and wildfires was in effect for central Texas throughout the day.

House GOP Unveils New Ethics Plan

WASHINGTON | House Speaker Dennis Hastert urged new restrictions on gifts from lobbyists Tuesday, responding to a scandal that already has claimed two Republican leaders and raised fears within the governing party about this year's elections.

Hastert, confronting a political crisis spawned by the scandal involving lobbyist Jack Abramoff, promoted legislation that would

end the practices of lobbyists footing the bill for lunches or arranging lavish “fact-finding” trips for members of Congress to warm-weather resorts.

Lawmakers-turned-lobbyists would be banned from the House gym and from access to the House floor, where they have been known to make deals in hopes of changing votes. JIM ABRAMS (AP)

Calif. School Loses ‘Intelligent Design’

FRESNO, CALIF. | Under legal pressure, a rural school district Tuesday canceled an elective philosophy course on “intelligent design.”

A group of parents had sued the El Tejon school system last week, accusing it of violating the constitutional separation of church and state with “Philosophy of Design,” a high school course taught by a minister's wife that advanced the notion

that life is so complex it must have been created by some kind of higher intelligence.

In a settlement, the district agreed to halt the course at Frazier Mountain High next week and said it would never again offer a “course that promotes or endorses creationism, creation science or intelligent design.”

In a landmark lawsuit, Americans United successfully blocked the Dover, Pa., school system last month from teaching intelligent design in high school biology classes. (AP)

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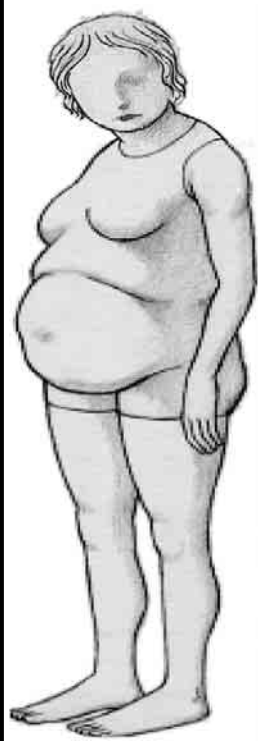
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WINDSWEPT: An Iowa man who invented The Tempest, a machine that vaporizes odor from hog manure, this week received a federal grant for its mass production.

Spacecraft Launch Delayed

High winds ground Pluto mission; NASA to try again Wednesday

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | High winds forced NASA to scrub the launch Tuesday of an unmanned spacecraft on a nine-year, 3-billion-mile voyage to Pluto, the solar system's last unexplored planet.

NASA planned to try again Wednesday to launch the New Horizons probe, although the forecast held a greater chance of thunderstorms, clouds and gusty winds that could prevent a launch.

On Tuesday, winds at the launch pad exceeded the space agency's 38 mph flight restriction.

HAZARDOUS CARGO

New Horizons mission directors say they're guarding against risks:

→ **Due to the plutonium** on board, 16 mobile teams are to be present at launch to detect any possible radiation. Thirty-three air samplers and monitors were also brought in.

→ **NASA estimates** the chance of release of plutonium at 1 in 350.

"The winds picked up sooner than expected," said MIT scientist Richard Binzel, a mission investigator.

The launch also drew attention from opponents of nuclear power because the spacecraft is powered by 24 pounds of plutonium, whose

natural radioactive decay will generate electricity for the probe's instruments.

Pluto is the brightest body in a zone of the solar system known as the Kuiper Belt, made up of thousands of icy, rocky objects, including tiny planets whose development was stunted by unknown causes. Scientists believe studying those "planetary embryos" can help them understand how planets were formed.

"Something, and we don't understand what ... stopped that process of growth and left us with this fantastic relic, this forensic evidence of planets that were arrested in the mid-stage of growth," said Alan Stern, the mission's principal investigator.

MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)

IOWA | DEATH ROW DEMOLITION



SCRAPPED: A hydraulic excavator rips apart Cellhouse 297 at Iowa State Penitentiary on Tuesday in Fort Madison. Officials demolished the building as part of a plan to increase prison security after an escape in November.

Lott Seeks 4th Term In Senate

Republican's bid fuels speculation over leadership positions

PASCAGOULA, MISS. | Ending months of speculation, Sen. Trent Lott announced Tuesday that he will run for a fourth term this year, saying Mississippi "is hurting and needs help."

The 64-year-old Republican told a hometown crowd he wants to continue working on federal issues related to the state's recovery from Hurricane Katrina, saying now is not the time to consider leaving the Senate.

The former Senate majority leader has hinted that he might seek another leadership position in Washington. He lost his post in December 2002 after a statement he made was interpreted as praising Sen. Strom Thurmond's 1948 segregationist platform.

Lott has been in Washington for 37 years as a staff member, a congressman and a senator.

The general election is Nov. 7.
 MICHAEL KUNZELMAN (AP)

Court: State Can Let Beaten Girl Die

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. | The state's highest court ruled Tuesday that an 11-year-old girl who was allegedly kicked and beaten with a baseball bat could be taken off life support. The move could lead to murder charges against her stepfather.

State officials had asked that Haleigh Poutre's ventilator and feeding tube be withdrawn after doctors said she was in a vegetative

state with no hope of recovery.

Her stepfather, who is charged with beating the girl, fought to keep her on life support.

No immediate date was set for the removal of life support, said Denise Monteiro, a spokeswoman for the Department of Social Services. Doctors have said Haleigh would die within a few days without the feeding tube. (AP)

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Total number of hours students from rival schools Duke and UNC competed in a basketball game, a new world record. Duke won the game 3,688-3,444.

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Volcano Rumbles in Alaska

Massive plume of ash follows latest eruption in Kenai peninsula

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA | A volcano on an uninhabited island off Alaska erupted again Tuesday morning, sending an ash plume 8½ miles into the air, officials at the Alaska Volcano Observatory said.

Because winds are moving in different directions at different elevations around the Augustine Volcano, an ash fall advisory was issued for communities along the southwest portion of the Kenai Peninsula and east of the volcano, in the Kamishak and Iliamna bays.

The eruption lasted for five minutes, and started just before 8 a.m.

Six eruptions were recorded on Friday and early Saturday from the 4,134-foot volcano before it was downgraded Sunday after a 30-hour period without eruptions.

Most of last week's eruptions reached 30,000 feet, or about 5½ miles. However, a pilot reported one plume at the 10-mile level.



Plumes of ash spew from Augustine Volcano early on Tuesday. The Alaskan peak, located 180 miles from Anchorage, erupted for the first time in 20 years last week.

Tuesday's eruption was preceded by increased seismic activity at the volcano, located on an uninhabited island about 180 miles southwest of Anchorage. That prompted observatory officials to raise the volcano's threat level to red, meaning an eruption was imminent.

Last week's blasts sent plumes of ash drifting northeast across Cook Inlet into several Kenai Peninsula communities, where a fine layer of ash fell.

The most recent explosion occurred just after midnight on Saturday. (AP)

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World



BACK IN BUSINESS: Iran lifted its ban on CNN on Tuesday, a day after it barred the network because of an incorrect translation of comments by Iran's president. An "expression of an apology" from CNN led to the move, state television reported.

In Brief

UNITED NATIONS

2 U.N. Peacekeepers Killed In Dangerous Haitian Slum

Gunmen killed two Jordanian U.N. peacekeepers and seriously wounded a third Tuesday at a checkpoint in a slum in Haiti's capital that is a stronghold for supporters of former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a spokesman said. The shootings in the teeming slum of Cite Soleil in Port-au-Prince occurred three weeks before elections to replace the interim government imposed after Aristide fled the country. (AP)

TORONTO

Polls Show Conservatives With Strong Lead in Election

Canada's Conservative Party appeared to gain strength in its quest to end 13 years of Liberal



Harper

Party rule as campaigning for national elections entered its final week. Opinion polls released Monday show that Stephen Harper's opposition Conservatives were holding an advantage of 8 to 13 percentage points over Prime Minister Paul Martin's Liberal Party. (AP)

MOSCOW

Newspaper: Putin Signs Disputed NGO Bill Into Law

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a controversial law restricting non-governmental organizations, the official newspaper Rossiskaya Gazeta reported Tuesday. The daily published the full text of the law seven days after the president's signature on Jan. 10. The Kremlin had made no announcement about Putin signing the much-criticized measure. (AP)

LONDON

New Suspect Tied to Failed Transit Bombings Arrested

Anti-terrorist police arrested a 27-year-old man in connection with the attempted July 21 bombings on London's transit network, police said Tuesday. Police raided two homes and a business in western London after the man was detained. (AP)

Pakistan: Terrorists Killed in Strike

Local officials say 4 or 5 foreign operatives die in U.S. operation

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN | Pakistani provincial authorities said four or five foreign terrorists were killed in last week's U.S. missile strike that has strained relations with this Muslim nation, a key ally in President Bush's war on terror.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, on the eve of a trip Wednesday to Washington, said that despite the importance of ties with the United States, attacks inside Pakistan "cannot be condoned."

"Pakistan has committed to fighting terrorism but naturally we cannot accept any action within our country which results in what happened over the weekend," Aziz said, referring to the missile strike Friday in the border village of Damadola. Eighteen local



SPEAKING OUT: Pakistani tribesmen chant anti-American slogans as they march in a protest rally in Peshawar on Tuesday to protest the recent U.S. missile strike.

people were also killed.

Pakistani intelligence officials have said the target of the attack

was al Qaeda No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahri, who was invited to a dinner in the village but sent some

aides instead.

U.S. counterterrorism officials, however, haven't ruled out that Osama bin Laden's chief lieutenant was killed in the attack.

In the first official confirmation by Pakistani authorities that militants were killed, the administration of Pakistan's semiautonomous tribal regions bordering Afghanistan said in a statement Tuesday that the four or five bodies of "foreign terrorists," who were among 10 to 12 extremists attending the dinner, were taken away "by their companions."

There have been conflicting accounts from Pakistani officials and witnesses over who, if anyone, reclaimed bodies from the scene of the missile strike.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan refused to discuss the attack Tuesday, but said the U.S. would continue pursuing al Qaeda leaders. RIAZ KHAN (AP)

Pressure Mounts Over Iran's Nukes

Russia, China push negotiations with Tehran over sanctions

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | Pressure on Iran intensified Tuesday, with key European countries and the United States moving ahead with plans to refer Tehran to the U.N. Security Council.

But Russia and China urged negotiations instead of confrontation, casting doubt on whether next month's International Atomic

Energy Agency meeting will demonstrate a unified political will.

A meeting Monday produced no agreement among the U.S., France, Britain and Germany and Moscow and Beijing on whether to refer the dispute over Iranian nuclear enrichment to the Security Council, which could impose sanctions.

Past opposition to such action by Russia and China led the Europeans and the U.S. to postpone referral.

A draft text by Britain proposing referral when the IAEA's board of directors meets Feb. 2 reflect-

ed deference to the Russians and Chinese, stopping short of calls for punitive measures.

The wording of the text is sure to change ahead of the IAEA meeting. Still, the fact that it was calling on the council to send Iran's nuclear file back to the IAEA provided the latest indication the country could escape sanctions.

Iran's Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki on Tuesday again invited Europeans to the negotiation table to avoid a crisis, state-run TV reported. (AP)



First lady Laura Bush and daughter Barbara are greeted in Accra, Ghana.

U.S. Textbook Program Unveiled

ACCRA, GHANA | First lady Laura Bush announced a U.S.-backed program Tuesday to provide 15 million textbooks for students in sub-Saharan Africa where more than one-third of primary school aged children are not enrolled in school.

"It's not uncommon in rural areas to see just one textbook for a whole classroom," Bush said at Accra Teacher Training College.

President John Kufuor thanked the first lady for visiting Ghana to underscore U.S. commitment to education in Africa, especially for girls. (AP)

HEARSAY | BARRIERS

"It seems as though some journalists in Europe and Asia want to see me in feathers and half-naked."

—BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT-ELECT EVO MORALES DISCUSSING MEDIA PERCEPTIONS OF HIS ELECTION AS BOLIVIA'S FIRST INDIAN LEADER DURING A VISIT TO ARGENTINA ON TUESDAY

Chinese Police Patrol Site of Protest

BEIJING | Police on Tuesday patrolled a village in southern China where a teenage girl reportedly was clubbed to death during a protest over land seizures, and Hong Kong news reports quoted villagers as saying demonstrations would continue.

The girl reportedly was killed Saturday by police who clashed with hundreds of people protesting over what they said was inadequate com-

pensation for farmland taken for industrial use in Sanjiao, a village in Guangdong province.

Increasingly violent clashes have erupted in areas throughout China's vast, poor countryside over land seizures.

Dozens of villagers contacted by phone Tuesday mostly refused to discuss the protest, apparently out of fear of official retaliation. (AP)

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The funds pledged by the EU to help combat bird flu. Some \$1.5 billion is said to be needed in coming years to help tackle the virus.

World

Video Shows U.S. Hostage

Kidnappers: Release female Iraqi prisoners or reporter will die

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Hostage American reporter Jill Carroll appeared in a silent 20-second video aired Tuesday by Al-Jazeera television, which said her abductors gave the U.S. 72 hours to free female prisoners in Iraq or she would be killed.

The tape showed the 28-year-old freelance reporter for the Christian Science Monitor sitting in front of a white background and speaking, but her voice could not be heard.

Al-Jazeera would not tell The Associated Press how it received the tape, but the station issued its own statement calling for Carroll's release. An Al-Jazeera producer said no militant group's name was attached to the message.

However, a still photograph of Carroll from the videotape that later appeared on the Al-Jazeera Web site carried a logo in the bottom right corner that read "The



A 20-second video aired on Al-Jazeera television Tuesday shows American hostage Jill Carroll, a freelance journalist who was abducted Jan. 7 in Baghdad.

Revenge Brigade."

Carroll was kidnapped Jan. 7 in one of Baghdad's most dangerous neighborhoods. Gunmen ambushed her car and killed her translator shortly after she left the offices of a Sunni Arab politician, who failed to show up for the interview.

Her abduction occurred as Sunni Arab politicians were discussing

their possible participation in a coalition government, which the U.S. hopes will help defuse the Sunni-led insurgency.

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani predicted Tuesday that the country's most prominent Sunni Arab political group would join a national unity government once Dec. 15 election results are announced. (AP)

Ivory Coast Protesters Besiege U.N. Offices

ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST | U.N. peacekeepers fired warning shots and tear gas grenades at protesters trying to breach the security walls of the world body's headquarters in Ivory Coast Tuesday as violent demonstrations shut down the country's largest city for a second day.

In the western port city of San Pedro, protesters hurled firebombs into a U.N. office, though no injuries were reported. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan condemned the violence, saying it threatened the nation's fragile peace.

Protests began on Monday after U.N.-backed mediators said over the weekend that the nation's parliament should be dissolved since its mandate expired last month.

In Abidjan, menacing bands of Young Patriot militants, a group that supports President Laurent Gbagbo, set up makeshift road-



Protesters burn tires in front of a U.N. base in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Tuesday.

blocks of burning tires and checkpoints — including on the main road to the international airport.

The country has been on edge since Gbagbo canceled planned October elections, blaming rebels who control the north and rebels' failure to disarm. (AP)

Israel's Olmert Backs Resuming Final Peace Talks

JERUSALEM | Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Tuesday he wants to resume final peace talks with the Palestinians and take harsh action against Israeli squatters in the West Bank — a sign the election front-runner is ready for bold steps to end the conflict.

The new leader's first policy statement carries special weight because of a widespread assumption among Israelis that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who suffered a devastating stroke Jan. 4, will never return to power. Hospital officials reported no change Tuesday in Sharon's condition.

Olmert, a 60-year-old former mayor of Jerusalem, has a commanding lead in the polls for the March 28 election, putting him in a strong position to begin carrying out Sharon's vision of delineating Israel's final borders. (AP)



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C O M P A N Y



Local

Lawmakers Slam Ehrlich's Budget

Md. Democrats say governor's spending plan is irresponsible

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Gov. Robert Ehrlich proposed a \$29.6 billion budget Tuesday that will boost spending on a wide range of programs, drawing fire from Democrats who said he is putting the state's fiscal future in jeopardy with an election-year spending spree.

"He's shoveling cash out the car door to get re-elected," House Majority Leader Kumar Barve said.

Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller said the governor is proposing the biggest spending increase in the history of Maryland. "This is an election-year budget. It's as simple as that," he said.

But Republicans defended the budget, saying the governor is trying to catch up with unmet needs that built up the three previous years

VETO QUASHED, MINIMUM WAGE IS UPPED BY \$1

Maryland becomes the 16th state to require a basic wage higher than the federal baseline:

→ The state Senate on Tuesday overturned Gov. Robert Ehrlich's veto from last session on legislation that raises Maryland's minimum wage to \$6.15. The House voted to override the governor's veto last week. About 26,000 Maryland workers earn the minimum wage, according to state estimates. (AP)

when the state was struggling to balance the budget during a period of slow revenue growth.

"There isn't one frivolous thing in this budget," Cecelia Januszkiewicz, Ehrlich's budget secretary, said.

TOM STUCKEY (AP)

 **Maryland Moment:** For political news from Annapolis, check out blog.washingtonpost.com/annapolis

Bus Crash Trial Delayed for 3rd Time

ARLINGTON, VA. | The school bus driver charged in the crash that killed two elementary school students last year was in court Tuesday, but her jury trial was delayed a third time.

A key defense witness for Pamela Sims was not available to testify this week due to a funeral. The proceedings are now set for March 6.

A grand jury charged Sims, 38, of Arlington, with reckless driving and failing to pay full attention when her county school bus collided with a garbage truck on Columbia Pike. The truck driver, James S. Wallace, 42, of Fairfax, was also charged with reckless driving faces a separate trial scheduled to begin Jan. 30. BRETT ZONGKER (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Jan. 17

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers **5-4-2**
 Evening Lucky Numbers **2-8-7**
 Mid-day DC 4 **5-1-6-0**
 Evening DC 4 **8-4-0-6**
 Rolling Cash Five **27-26-15-35-34**
 Daily 6 **33-10-29-39-12-17 Bonus: 18**

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3 **0-3-9**

Evening Pick 3 **2-7-5**
 Mid-day Pick 4 **8-2-3-6**
 Evening Pick 4 **4-8-0-8**
 Match 5 **03-15-25-28-32 Bonus: 04**

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.) **2-3-8**
 Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) **2-8-1**
 Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.) **2-6-6-6**
 Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) **5-7-0-0**
 Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.) **03-09-16-17-27**
 Evening Cash 5 (Mon.) **08-17-19-21-29**

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office.



BOW-TIED CHEF? If you're looking for D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams, he'll be in New York City for most of Wednesday, where he'll be the featured guest on the Food Network's "Iron Chef America." There's no word if competitive cooking is in Williams' post-mayoral plans.

Local

Man Indicted in Behl Case

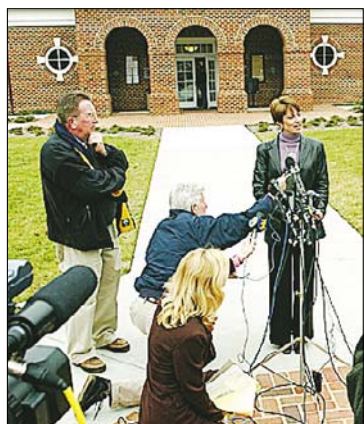
Amateur photographer charged with murder in death of Vienna teen

RICHMOND, VA. | Amateur photographer Benjamin Fawley was indicted Tuesday for the murder of Taylor Behl, a 17-year-old college student from Vienna, Va., whose body was found in rural Mathews County.

The county commonwealth's attorney, Jack Gill, said Fawley was indicted on a first-degree murder charge. "I don't want to go into any of the evidence in the case," he told reporters.

The indictment accuses Fawley of killing Behl in a premeditated act and "in the commission of, or attempt to commit, rape, forcible sodomy or abduction."

Behl was found dead on



Taylor Behl's mother speaks to the media on Tuesday in Mathews, Va.

Oct. 5, one month after she was reported missing from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Fawley, 38, is currently being held in a Richmond jail on unrelated child pornography and fire-

arm charges. He was one of the last people to see Behl the night she disappeared, and his attorney has said the two had a romantic relationship.

Behl, a VCU freshman, was last seen Labor Day. Her body was found about 70 miles east of the downtown campus.

The medical examiner's office says the cause of death in Behl's case is still pending.

In October, a judge presiding over a special grand jury investigating the case issued a gag order after reports were leaked to the media indicating that Behl accidentally died during a sexual encounter.

DIONNE WALKER (AP)

Details on death: Fawley has told investigators Behl died of restricted breathing during sex act. | **Today in Metro**

Ballpark Lease Vote Unlikely This Month

WASHINGTON | With the fate of a baseball stadium lease still unclear, members of the D.C. Council were doubtful Tuesday that there could be a vote before the end of the month.

Council member Kathy Patterson, D-Ward 3, said she and her colleagues were waiting to see a reworked proposal. And Council member Sharon Ambrose, D-Ward 6, wondered if it was time for some people in the mayor's office to step away from the negotiations with Major League Baseball.

"We've had too many cooks in the kitchen," she told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

After the Dec. 31 deadline for the council to approve a lease was missed, MLB filed for mediation.

D.C. COUNCIL TO WEIGH VOTE ON OFFICIAL FRUIT

→ In a non-controversial move, D.C. Council members are expected to vote on Wednesday to allow Bowen Elementary School students to research and help draft legislation for a potential official city fruit. Twenty-six states have such a fruit. (AP)

Former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer was picked to be the mediator Tuesday and met with Williams, members of the Sports and Entertainment Commission and representatives from the Nationals, said Vince Morris, the mayor's chief spokesman.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

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Money

SEC Calls for Pay Details

Regulators back plan for more disclosure on top execs' salary, perks

WASHINGTON | Regulators moved Tuesday to require U.S. companies to provide far greater detail about executives' pay and perks in an effort to bring more openness to an area that has provoked investor anger.

The five-member Securities and Exchange Commission voted unanimously to propose the biggest changes in rules governing disclosure of executives' compensation since 1992. The proposal could be

BEYOND THE PAYCHECK Also under the SEC pay proposal:

- **The level at** which executive perks must be detailed would be reduced from \$50,000 to \$10,000.
- **Companies would** have to explain the objectives behind their executives' compensation.
- **New disclosure** tables for executives' retirement benefits would be required. (AP)

adopted by the SEC sometime after a 60-day public comment period.

Publicly traded companies for the first time would be required to furnish tables in annual filings

showing the total yearly compensation for their chairmen, chief financial officers and the next three highest-paid executives. The true costs to the bottom line of the executives' pay packages, including stock options, would have to be spelled out.

"This information is information that shareholders have a right to know," Commissioner Cynthia Glassman said before the vote.

Studies have shown big leaps in top executives' salaries, bonuses and stock benefits in recent years, as well as big increases in compensation as a percentage of company earnings — money that otherwise would go to shareholders. MARCY GORDON (AP)

'Bubble' Defies Movie-Release Norm

Theater chains snub new Soderbergh flick over DVD, cable access

LOS ANGELES | If you live in New Jersey, Virginia or Nevada and want to see the new Steven Soderbergh film "Bubble" in a theater, pack your bags. It won't be showing in those or more than a dozen other states.

The country's largest theater chains are snubbing the film

because they object to it being sold on DVD and shown on cable TV at the same time it debuts in a handful of theaters owned by the same company that produced the movie.

"Bubble" isn't the first film to be released this way. But the combination of a high-profile director and



Soderbergh

the backing of maverick billionaires Todd Wagner and Mark Cuban have studios and theater owners paying close attention this time.

The low-budget "Bubble" opens Jan. 27 and is the first of six films to be produced under a partnership between Soderbergh and 2929 Entertainment.

All six films produced by the partnership will be released nearly simultaneously on DVD, television and in theaters. GARY GENTILE (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Quanex	59.52	+5.72	+10.6
Mesab	20.13	+1.54	+8.3
Guidant	76.22	+5.38	+7.6
Tefron	9.65	+6.5	+7.2
Nexen gs	53.89	+3.25	+6.4

Losers

DanaCp lf	5.40	-1.40	-20.6
US Airwy n	30.00	-4.05	-11.9
CtlAir B	17.24	-2.23	-11.5
Albnyln	33.69	-3.48	-9.4
Allimag	5.06	-.47	-8.5

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IvanhoeEn	2.38	+.86	+56.6
AltairNano	3.25	+.91	+38.9
AHPC Hld	3.62	+.62	+20.7
Synergetc n	5.00	+.80	+19.0
Genomic n	14.68	+2.24	+18.0

Losers

LSI Inds	12.96	-3.18	-19.7
ChinaESv n	6.95	-.96	-12.1
Navarre	5.51	-.66	-10.7
Terabeam	4.08	-.48	-10.5
DobsonCm	6.33	-.69	-9.8

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.25	7.25
Fed Funds close	4.3125	4.25
3-month	4.23	4.20
2-year	4.33	4.40
10-year	4.33	4.43
30-year	4.51	4.62

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5661	.5631	.5346
Canadian Dollar	1.1634	1.1612	1.2162
European Euro	.8268	.8245	.7630
Japanese Yen	115.51	114.19	101.91
Mexican Peso	10.5790	10.5650	11.2120
Taiwanese Dollar	31.99	31.99	31.89

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-63.55	-14.35	-4.68
-0.58	-0.62	-0.36
10896.32	2302.69	1282.93

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B n	25.06	-.42	-1.7
ClearChan	31.49	-.24	+1
Comcast	28.10	+.15	+8.4
Comc sp	27.92	+.14	+8.7
DirectTV	14.17	-.35	+4
Disney	25.38	-.32	+5.9
Gannett	64.80	+.52	+7.0
LibtyMA	8.05	+.13	+2.3
McGrwH s	50.00	+2.05	-3.2
NewsCpA	16.38	+.20	+5.3
NewsCpB	17.25	+.16	+3.9
Omnicom	84.15	-.80	-1.2
Thomson	36.05	+.15	+4.2
TimeWarn	17.37	+.10	-.4
ViacomB n	41.70	-.48	+1.3



THE PLAYER: Alex Rodriguez was among 60 players on the Dominican Republic's preliminary roster for the World Baseball Classic, but it wasn't clear whether he would play. He's also eligible to play for the U.S., and may skip the event to avoid angering either country.

Sports

In Brief



Teixeira's 43 homers and 144 RBIs landed him a \$15.4M deal over two years.

BASEBALL

Teixeira Gets Big Deal

All-Star first baseman Mark Teixeira agreed to a \$15.4 million, two-year contract Tuesday with the Texas Rangers, avoiding salary arbitration this year and next. Teixeira hit .301 with 43 home runs and 144 RBIs last season. The Rangers also agreed to one-year deals with right-hander Adam Eaton (\$4.65 million) and outfielder Brad Wilkerson (\$3.9 million), avoiding arbitration with two players acquired in separate trades last month. (AP)

NFL

Payton to Coach Saints

The New Orleans Saints will hire Dallas Cowboys assistant Sean Payton to his first NFL head coaching job, a team official familiar with the decision said Tuesday. The Saints' official was speaking on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the formal announcement wasn't expected until Wednesday. (AP)

NFL

Seahawk Appears in Court

Seahawks tackle Sean Locklear was released without bail after appearing in court Tuesday in connection with a domestic violence case. Locklear was not charged but was ordered to have no contact with his live-in girlfriend. He also must abstain from alcohol and drugs while the case is pending. (AP)

"Golf in October is minor-league fare anywhere. But it's double dead in D.C."

Thomas Boswell slams the PGA Tour for its decision to move the Booz Allen Classic to the fall starting in 2007 | **Today in Sports**

The Washington Post

Nats Sign Schneider to \$16M Deal

Disgruntled Soriano will face arbitration for deal with new team

NATIONALS | Catcher Brian Schneider agreed to a \$16 million, four-year contract with the Washington Nationals on Tuesday and first baseman Nick Johnson came to terms on a \$3.2 million, one-year deal.

Alfonso Soriano, acquired in a trade with the Texas Rangers, asked for \$12 million, the highest

amount among the 44 players who swapped figures with their teams. The Nationals offered \$10 million to Soriano, a raise of \$2.5 million.

"There's just a difference of opinion," Washington general manager Jim Bowden said. "There's kind of an agreement to disagree on where he falls."

Schneider led NL catchers by



Schneider

throwing out 38 percent of would-be base stealers last season; he topped the majors in that category the previous two seasons.

The 29-year-old hit .268 with 10 homers and 44 RBIs last year, when he made \$2 million.

"It's the only organization I've been with," Schneider said. "It's a great opportunity for baseball in D.C. I'd love to be a part of that."

Soriano, who arrived in the

December trade that sent Brad Wilkerson to Texas, played second base for the Rangers and has indicated he'd prefer not to switch to the outfield — where the Nationals want him to play.

Bowden said that matter was separate from Soriano's contract talks. "It's a very sensitive issue with Alfonso," Bowden said. "We don't want it to become a soap opera." HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Life lessons: Nationals rookie Ryan Zimmerman has learned to be humble while watching his mother battle against multiple sclerosis | **Today's Post, Sports**

WORLD CUP | TOWERING OVER PARIS



ART OF SOCCER: People walk past the Football Globe that Germany set up in front of the Eiffel Tower on Tuesday. The globe is one of 48 projects in the German government's Art and Cultural Program for the summer tournament.

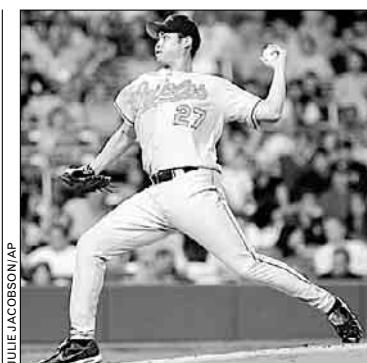
Orioles Sign 4 Players To 1-Year Contracts

Chen's salary jumps to \$3.8M after last year's career-best season

ORIOLES | Pitchers Erik Bedard, Bruce Chen and Todd Williams agreed to one-year contracts with the Baltimore Orioles along with outfielder Corey Patterson.

Chen set career marks in wins, starts, strikeouts and innings last season, going 13-10 with a 3.83 ERA in 34 games, including 32 starts. He struck out 133 in 197 1/3 innings. The 28-year-old left-hander will receive a significant raise to \$3.8 million in 2006. He can earn an extra \$200,000 by pitching 200 innings and another \$200,000 by making 33 starts.

Bedard, 26, was 5-1 with a 2.08 ERA before going on the disabled list May 26 with a sprained knee ligament. The left-hander remained on the DL for eight weeks and strug-



Bruce Chen could earn two bonuses just for topping last year's statistics.

gled upon his return, finishing 6-8 and will make \$1.4 million.

Williams went 5-5 with a 3.30 ERA in 2005, his first full season in the majors during a 15-year professional career. He will receive \$775,000 in 2006.

Patterson, acquired on Jan. 9 from the Chicago Cubs, hit .215 with 13 homers in 126 games in 2005. He gets \$2.8 million. (AP)

French Skating Judge Paid 'Homage'

FIGURE SKATING | After all the anguish that left her wondering if she even wanted to live, the French judge at the center of the skating scandal at the 2002 Olympics finally feels vindicated.

"I have paid. I had periods of terrible suffering. It's true that

I contemplated suicide," Marie-Reine Le Gougne told the AP. "But it's not in vain if it helps the world of skating evolve."

The dispute in the pairs competition shook the Salt Lake City Games and forced the International Skating Union to overhaul its scoring.

A new system was implemented in June 2004, relying on accumulation of points for executing maneuvers rather than the maximum mark award used for more



Le Gougne

than a century.

"World skating has paid me homage," Le Gougne said. "I saw it at the Trophee Bompard [in November] when the judges came to see me and said: 'Marie-Reine, the new scoring system is so great, thank you Marie-Reine because without you there would not have been a new scoring system.'" (AP)

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Sports



BAY WATCH: Norv Turner, recently fired as coach of the Oakland Raiders, isn't moving far for his next job. He agreed Tuesday to be the San Francisco 49ers' offensive coordinator.

D.C. United Sale Collapses

Despite losing rights to team, firm plans to help build stadium

UNITED | Six months after announcing its operating rights had been sold for an MLS-record amount, D.C. United is going back on the market.

Global Development Partners, a real estate firm founded by Northern Virginia executives Willi Lauterbach and Timothy Kissler, has withdrawn from an agreement that had been trumpeted as the most lucrative in league histo-

ry, an estimated \$26 million, team officials said Tuesday.

Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG), which has operated United since 2001, will continue to run the club until a new buyer is found.

"It was a mutual decision," United President Kevin Payne said. "There were concerns on both sides that this probably was not ultimately going to be the right fit for anybody."

Global officials did not respond to interview requests, but the firm issued a statement yesterday afternoon: "While we feel that D.C. United represents an exciting

investment opportunity, Global Development Partners LLC and AEG have amicably agreed to terminate the sales contract for the team. We look forward to continued dialogue with D.C. United, and with the neighborhoods of Ward 8, to serve the city's goal of a revitalized community east of the river."

Despite losing interest in United's rights, Global apparently plans to continue pursuing a partnership with the team and the city on a mixed-use development project at Poplar Point in Anacostia that would include a 27,000-seat soccer stadium.

STEVEN GOFF (THE WASHINGTON POST)



34-year-old Eric Mangini demonstrates has the stare of a veteran NFL head coach.

Jets Make Mangini NFL's Youngest Coach

NFL | Patriots defensive coordinator Eric Mangini was hired as the New York Jets' coach Tuesday, becoming the youngest head coach in the NFL.

Mangini, a disciple of Bill Belichick, turns 35 Thursday. He replaces Herman Edwards, who left for Kansas City after five seasons.

"I thank you guys for having the vision to make me your head coach," Mangini said to general manager Terry Bradway and owner Woody Johnson at a news conference.

Mangini accepted an offer from

the Jets on Monday night, a few hours after the team interviewed former Vikings coach Mike Tice. But the deal wasn't completed until Tuesday morning. It is believed he will get between \$2 million and \$2.5 million per year over five years.

Though he is young and has been a coordinator for one season, Mangini is regarded as one of the brightest defensive minds in the game after spending 10 of his 11 seasons in the NFL working under Belichick. ANDREA ADELSON (AP)

Hingis Is a Winner in Australia

Former champion breezes in return after her 3-year retirement

TENNIS | Martina Hingis is a little older, a little more powerful than when she last visited center court at the Australian Open.

But the memories made her feel right at home.

Back after a three-year retirement, Hingis needed slightly more than an hour to defeat 30th-seeded Vera Zvonareva 6-1, 6-2 in the cool twilight of Tuesday's first-round match.



Hingis

Now ranked No. 349, Hingis was back for the first time since playing in six consecutive Australian Open finals — she won three straight starting in 1997, then lost three straight through 2002.

"You don't know how good it feels — this stadium has been so good for me," the 25-year-old Swiss player told the crowd at Rod Laver Arena after winning in 65 minutes against Zvonareva. JOHN PYE (AP)



HEART STOPPER: Pittsburgh Steelers fan Terry O'Neill, 50, had a heart attack seconds after Jerome Bettis fumbled late in Sunday's game against the Colts. O'Neill, who said Bettis is his hero, is recovering at a Pittsburgh hospital.

Sports

Francis Offers Apology to Magic

NBA | Steve Francis apologized to teammates, coaches and fans Tuesday as he rejoined the Orlando Magic following his two-game suspension for refusing to re-enter a blowout game late in the fourth quarter.

He called his decision "not a smart or wise one," said he hoped to remain with the club after the Feb. 23 trading deadline and added that he would be

willing to "sacrifice" his starting role to benefit the team.



Francis

"For me not to do that was completely wrong," Francis said. "It was in the heat of the moment, and one of the decisions that I made was really, really not a smart or wise one at the time. I apologize to the fans, to my teammates, the coaches." (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (7 P.M. ON CSN) The Orlando Magic have re-instated suspended star Steve Francis just in time to play the Wizards, winners of four-straight games.

NBA (9 P.M. ON TNT) LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony continue their rivalry when the Cleveland Cavaliers visit the Denver Nuggets.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) Can

No. 14 N.C. State hand No. 1 Duke its first loss of the season?

COLLEGE HOOPS (8:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 15 Wisconsin hopes to stay undefeated in the Big 10 when playing No. 19 Ohio State.

TENNIS (2 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Early-round action at the Australian Open.

Wizards in Playoff Position

4-game win streak in lowly conference has team feeling confident

WIZARDS | If the season were to end today, the Washington Wizards would have accomplished something they haven't done in 18 years — make the playoffs in consecutive years.

Never mind that, at 17-19, they haven't had a winning record since Nov. 19. The team's recent four-game winning streak — the best of the season — has propelled them comfortably past the Chicago Bulls into the eighth playoff spot.

That's the East for ya.

Not only that, the Wizards are only four-and-a-half games back from Miami, who are 6-4 in their last 10 games.



TONI L. SANDYSTWIP

Brendan Haywood has responded to his benching with improved play of late.

"In our division, no one has been playing great basketball right now," center Brendan Haywood said.

With the promise of the playoffs in their grasp, the Wizards say they're

feeling reinvigorated and regaining their confidence. Considering the team looked to be on the brink of collapse when coach Eddie Jordan benched Antawn Jamison and Haywood last week, they've come a long way in a short time.

"It shows a lot. It shows our mental toughness," slingerman Caron Butler said.

The Wizards have a good chance tonight in Orlando to continue their streak even further, as the Magic are stumbling in with four straight losses and having dropped seven of their last eight games. But after falling victim to underestimating opponents earlier in the season, the Wizards say they are instead focusing on their own development.

"We're a new team," small forward Jared Jeffries said. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)



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Cars



TO THE BAT-VAN: Toyota unveiled its redesigned Estima minivan Monday. Buzz about the van — which seats eight, despite being smaller than Toyota's Sienna minivan — so far has focused on mixed reaction to its pointy appearance.

Back: Where It Doesn't Belong

The Cayman S wisely gets over the trend of engines in the rear

Let's be clear. The rear of the car is no place for an engine.

There are a few Porsche fans now snapping off their rubber gloves and leaping to their keyboards to fire off a strongly worded dissent — “Ginger! Reschedule Mr. Thomas’ 9 a.m. root canal!” But the fact is the rear-engine configuration — the hallowed architecture of other Porsche models — has been rendered finally, utterly, typewriter-ribbon obsolete.

After spending a week in the mid-engine Porsche Cayman S, you'll be flummoxed as to why anyone would spend extra for a rear-engine vehicle, when the exotically fastbacked Cayman S is nearly as quick in a straight line and immeasurably more fun in a crooked one.

Civilians may wonder what difference the placement of the engine makes. Let me explain.

It has to do with an automobile's



Porsche fans obsessed with the lower weight and agility of rear-engine cars will despise the Cayman S, but those without bias will enjoy the mid-engine handling.

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center of mass and the effects of acceleration. When cars accelerate — as you might charging out of a corner — the weight of the vehicle transfers rearward, and, in rear-wheel-drive cars, this increases traction. This is critical, because it really doesn't matter how much horsepower you have, it's how much you can put to the ground.

Unlike front-engine sports cars

— which struggle to transfer weight to the rear wheels and inevitably require a compromise in suspension setup, allowing the car to “squat” a little — a rear-engine Porsche has its center of mass conveniently situated over the rear wheels. Because the car is more mechanically efficient, the engine can be made smaller and lighter, which reduces overall weight. Less weight means the car changes direction more quickly — less momentum to overcome in any direction. Lighter weight also means less wear on other parts, such as tires, brakes, clutches. A positive spiral of causation.

And yet, for all of these advantages, rear-engine placement is not optimum. The reason: handling. For decades, rear-engined cars handled awkwardly, like a rubber mallet, weighted heavily on the extreme end. This imbalance made them tricky to control at the limit and, occasionally, downright spiritual.

The Cayman S, however, puts on a clinic in mid-engine dynamics.

DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



LIVE ONLINE

Car Care

Automotive expert **PAT GOSS** owns Pat Goss Car World, Inc., a local car repair company. He chats monthly on washingtonpost.com/cars.

My front brake pad and rotors were replaced twice last year, yet, when I press my brakes, there's grinding and my steering wheel vibrates. What's the mechanic missing?

Full knowledge of how to do a modern brake job. The shudder in the steering wheel usually means the brake rotors are warped, and that can happen immediately if the wheel lug nuts are not torqued using a torque wrench. The noise can be the result of many things.

When starting the car, I'll turn the key but there's no cranking of the engine. If I persist, the engine jumps to life. Help!

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MANN'S FATE: Beloved indie singer-songwriter Aimee Mann kicks off a 2006 tour later this month in support of her 2005 album "The Forgotten Arm." She opens the tour in Colorado and will be rocking acoustically with a bassist and keyboardist for three weeks.

Entertainment

Precocious Moments

'Web-snackers' are finding talent in bites of short Internet films

HIGH TECH | It's a series that's seen regularly by about 25 million people and whose main character can be childish and self-absorbed, yet nearly always amusing. He's the star of "The Angry Kid," a tiny terror from Britain whose temper tantrums in more than 50 minute-long shorts have made him something of a cult figure on the Internet.

The technology is serving as a desktop theater for short films that run the gamut from Oscar winners to movie trailers.

"Extremely short content works well in the world of Web-snacking, where people are looking for short bursts of entertaining content," said Scott Roesch, vice president and general manager of Atom Films, whose Web site carries the "Angry Kid" series.

As interest in short films continues to mushroom among Web surfers, so does the problem of trying to weed out the hidden treasures from the dross.

Here's a short take on the best free or modestly priced starting points to search for innovative mini movies:



BRAT ATTACK: "Angry Kid," a certified Internet cult hit, takes aim at long movies.

ALLDAYBREAKFAST.CA: This site gets its juice from comedy and a taste for the absurd. Sample a few items from the Breakfast menu, such as "Tchotkes!" and "The Secret of Zombie Mountain."

ATOMFILMS.COM: A giant among shorts venues, Atom Films specializes in two- to five-minute films, though slightly longer offerings also share the spotlight. Recognizable faces also pop up in a number of

Atom's films, including Steve Carell and "Prison Break" star Wentworth Miller.

BROWNFISH.COM: Brownfish also leans toward offbeat humor in oddities such as "The Christmas That Almost Wasn't," in which Santa cancels Christmas after learning the awful truth about children and "Magnetic Love Story," which brings new meaning to the phrase "physical attraction."

PIXAR.COM: You won't find a more family-friendly site than Pixar, and while its selection of short films is, well, short, what's there is first-rate, including the charming "For the Birds" and the classic "Luxo Jr."

POCKETMOVIES.NET: Marrying the Internet with the world of portable video, this site offers short films that you can also download to your Pocket PC or Palm. Mixed in among the many movie trailers and teasers are worthwhile shorts including "The Piano" and "Le Building."

WWW.REELMIND.COM: A good site for thought-provoking fare such as "Sprawl," which looks at how urban development is affecting wildlife. **DANIEL BUBBEO (NEWSDAY)**

Today's Top Stops

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The Electricutions: High Voltage

So I Had to Shoot Him, down from New York for a headlining gig tonight at DC 9's Electric Possible event, sound like L7 gone metalcore. Local opener the Electricutions offer punky classic rock, while another local outfit, sonic experimenter 36, promises to start the night off with a "free noise assault."

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Pianist Jelly Roll Morton is among the great musicians Alan Lomax archived.

The Lomax Legacy: American Music

2 Alan Lomax spent much of the 20th century documenting American folk music, blues and jazz. He got off to a good start: As a young man, Lomax made the first recordings of Leadbelly, Woodie Guthrie, Muddy Waters and many others. The Library of Congress, one of Lomax's most important sponsors, honors his work by kicking off a celebration of his recordings of jazz great Jelly Roll Morton (at noon, free), and a symposium on his life (7 p.m., free, registration required).

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Omertà on 'Sopranos'

The cast and creator of HBO's hit are mum about the final season

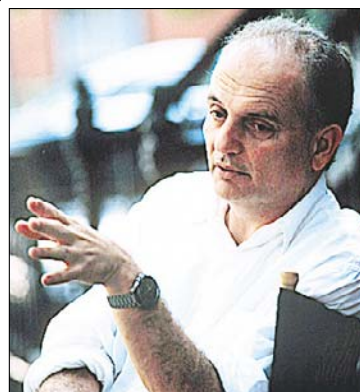
SILENCE | If they told us, they'd have to kill us. Nobody involved with "The Sopranos" would snitch about the final days of HBO's hit family.

TV critics fished hard for facts when creator David Chase and four of his stars took the stage last week evening at the critics' midseason press tour to discuss the mob drama's return on March 12. Twelve

sixth-season episodes will air this spring, with the series' final eight to arrive next January.

The panel responded to initial queries about upcoming story lines with two-word and one-sentence answers. "We've been asked not to reveal things," said Lorraine Bracco, Tony Soprano's TV shrink, "so it's really hard."

Chase, prodded by a reminder that last season reverberated with the release of mobsters imprisoned under the RICO Act 20 years earlier, finally coughed up the observa-



"Sopranos" capo David Chase won't squeal his show's secrets to critics.

tion that new episodes are "mostly keyed off the fact that [rival mobster] Johnny Sack has been arrested, and people see a potential future for themselves in that."

Among those most worried by that possibility may be Tony Sirico's enforcer Paulie, Michael Imperioli's wise-guy nephew Christopher and Robert Iler's Anthony Jr., who, judging by a music video of new-season snippets, has grown into a possibly violent young man.

Julianna Margulies guest stars as a real-estate agent, while Hal Holbrook plays an ailing ex-scientist tangled with the mob. Bracco's sister Elizabeth is cast as a wiseguy's wife. Actor Ben Kingsley will play himself. **DIANE WERTS (NEWSDAY)**

Entertainment



FAN FARE: Buh-bye, beloved but unwatched show. "Arrested Development" will go out with a bang next month as Fox airs a two-hour series finale on Feb. 10. Expect guest stars — well, Justine Bateman — and critics' bitter tears.

Stranger Than Truth

A literary ado over a partly fictional memoir

CATEGORIES | First, there was fiction and there was nonfiction. Then, with the publication of Mary Karr's memoir "The Liars' Club" and Frank McCourt's "Angela's Ashes," nonfiction burst at the seams.

So began the division of nonfiction into memoir, creative nonfiction and personal essay. Now, with the controversy over James Frey's book about addiction and rehabilitation, "A Million Little Pieces," the issue has raised questions about a new category — the recovery memoir.

More than 3 1/2 million copies of

"A Million Little Pieces" have been sold since 2003, many after Oprah Winfrey chose it for her book club. Yet since Jan. 6, when thesmoking gun.com posted "The Man Who Conned Oprah" — alleging factual errors in Frey's depiction of his criminal record and his role in the deaths of two girls — the memoir has become suspect.

"If it were my choice," Frey said in April 2003, "A Million Little Pieces" would be listed as literature. It doesn't really matter, though. What matters is how many people



BOOK OF LIES: Author Frey went on CNN's "Larry King Live" to defend his fictions.

read it and how it affects them."

Bill Bastone, editor of thesmoking gun.com, feels that since "A Million Little Pieces" is being sold as nonfiction, Frey is "dishonest and unethical." He said he is surprised by the tight-lipped response of the author, his agent and his publishers.

Which raises a question: Is a publisher accountable? It's publishers who make the labels, after all, and these days, memoirs sell. But a new breed of book — part memoir, part nonfiction — seems to be evolving, or so some critics say.

There are dissenters, such as Samuel Freedman, professor of journalism at Columbia University: "The memoir should mean nonfiction ... Memoir has become in publishing circles widely accepted as a synonym for 'Make it up if you want to, we don't care as long as it sells.'" **SUSAN SALTER REYNOLDS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)**

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HARRY POTTER 4 (PG13) 4:00

COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

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TRISTAN & ISOLDE (PG13) 5:15, 8:05
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POTOMAC MILLS 18

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COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

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ACADEMY 8

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GRANDMA'S BOY (R) (1:50)6:30
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GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) (2:30)7:40
CAPOTE (R) (5:10)10:00

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THE MATADOR (R) (11:40 2:20 5:00)7:20 9:50

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CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG) (11:20 2:30 5:40)8:50

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★ **GLORY ROAD (PG)** (5:10)7:50 10:20

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HOSTEL (R) (5:00)7:20 9:45

GRANDMA'S BOY (R) 10:10

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HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 230 455) 720 1000
GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1225)
THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (310) 645 945
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KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (110510) 910
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1235 400) 715 1025
SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 340) 640 940
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1250 350) 705 1010
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MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 245) 710 955
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KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (110510) 910
SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 320) 700 950
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1205 345) 705 1005
FIRST MORNING (PG-13) DIG (1210 230 500) 725 1020

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HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140 420) 730 1000
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 425) 805
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RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (410) 1005
THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (430) 725 955
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (125 445) 810
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (120 440) 735 1010
FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (205 435) 710 940
FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (115) 715
KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (100 500) 900
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (145 505) 815

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TRISTAN & ISOLDE (PG-13) DIG (1255 410) 700 945
LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG (140 430) 730 1010
GLORY ROAD (PG) DIG (120 400) 720 1005
GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (140)
RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (415) 655 940
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (130 350) 715 935
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (100 345) 650 930
FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (115 340) 645 920
KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1245 435) 830
SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 405) 710 1000
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LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG (1130 135 215 430 500) 720 750 1005
GLORY ROAD (PG) DIG (110 145 400 435) 650 725 940 1015
HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1145 1245 210 310 440 540) 705 805
GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (900)
RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (125) 645
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (1220 240 505) 715 935
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 355) 730
THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (400) 910
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (140 410) 635
FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1125 150 415) 655 920
FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (115 405) 640 915
KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1140 340) 740
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1240 350) 700 1010
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1230 330) 630 945

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

TRISTAN & ISOLDE (PG-13) DIG (110 400) 730 1035
LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG (210 500) 740 1010
GLORY ROAD (PG) DIG (1140 130 230 420 520) 720 820 1005
HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 250 550) 810 1040
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 330) 650 1000
GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (950)
CASANOVA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (145 445) 745 1015
THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1240)
RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (900)
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (1200 120 220 350 440) 620 700 910
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 450) 850
THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (115 345) 645 920
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1155 245 515) 750 1020
FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1205 240 540) 800 1025
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1145 300) 630 930
FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (340) 710 940
KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1230 430) 840
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1210 320) 640 945
SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1030
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (100 200 410 510) 715 830
HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1150 310)
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HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 235 515) 745 1010
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 435) 740 1035
CASANOVA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 430) 750 1040
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (1215 245 505) 725 945
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 335) 710 1045
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1200 230 500) 730 1000
FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1210 240 510) 755 1010
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 345) 715 1020
KING KONG (PG-13) (1205 355) 800
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1220 340) 700 1005
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1225 330) 705 1015

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GLORY ROAD (PG) DIG (1230 330) 725 1015
HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1125 150 420) 745 1010
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 335) 710 1005
CASANOVA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 345) 650 935
RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1130)
HOODWINKED (PG) DIG (1220 230 445) 715 930
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1120 250) 630 1000
THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (200 425) 750 1005
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1140 210 435) 730 955
FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1150 220 440) 755 1025
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 315) 645 950
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LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13) DIG (1250 420) 740 1020
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 320) 645 730 940 1015
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1210 1240 340 410) 710 1010
KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1200 400) 750
FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (100 430) 725 1000
RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1235 345) 705 945
THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1245 405) 700 930
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BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 415) 715 1020
MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 420) 725 1015
GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1015
MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 350) 730
THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1200 215 445) 745 1000
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (130 440) 710 945
FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1230 300 525) 800 1030
KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1200 345) 745
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (110 415) 720 1025
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1205 330) 700 1010
HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1200) 325
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FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (345) 700 940
KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1230 430) 830
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1225 330) 64

Television



'OREL' REPORT: Stop-motion animation has reached Cartoon Network's "Adult Swim." "Moral Orel," premiering on Sunday, is a new series about a pious 11-year-old whose naivete leads him into hilariously dangerous waters.

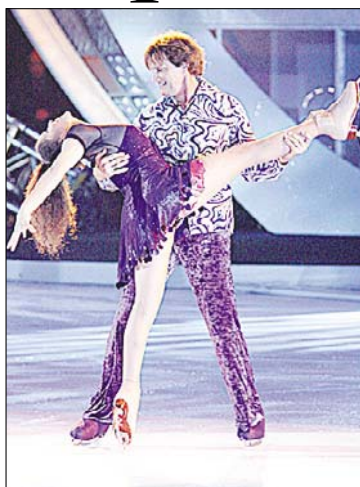
Chills and Spills

Fox's 'Skating With Celebrities' is more than star pratfalls

DEBUT | It can't be that hard, unless you're Evander Holyfield, to swan some broad in a shredded dress around a dance floor. Spinning and jumping around an ice rink on tiny blades with an Olympic skating champ — now that's comedy.

And despite a glacier-size load of pomp, mostly from co-host Scott Hamilton, "Skating With Celebrities" (9 p.m., Fox) is highly amusing.

The celebrities range from



COLD COMFORT: Bruce Jenner and Tai Babalonia heat up the ice, awkwardly.

Olympian iron-man Bruce Jenner, 55 and delightfully game, to obviously well-trained former Junior Snowflakes Jillian Barberie and Kristy Swanson. Still, the judges give high marks for sheer tenacity — ice newbie Todd Bridges' shaky show of grit scores higher than Swanson's solid-but-dull performance.

And this is real work. Hearing about how their exhausting training on “Dancing With the Stars” is nothing compared to seeing monstrous bruises and stiff limbs on the “Skating With” celebrities. They fall down, they cry, they fall down some more, but in the end, they demonstrate an actual — and impressive — new talent. Washed-up celebs willingly learning a marketable skill! What other reality competition offers that? **ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)**

ON TV TONIGHT

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If you caught the second of last week's two **LOST** episodes (ABC, 8 and 9 p.m.), you've already seen Mr. Eko getting to the bottom of Charlie's attachment to his Virgin Mary statues. On tonight's second episode, Michael sprints off into the jungle headed for the Others.

THE FORGOTTEN WAR

THE WAR THAT MADE AMERICA (9 p.m., PBS) The French and Indian War is largely overlooked in favor of wars that hold more immediate fascination. Now, PBS' documentary series shines light on this highly significant conflict.

WE'RE IN THE BOOK

BEAUTY AND THE GEEK (9 p.m., WB) We're in love with the Rubik's Cube Guy. Call us, Rubik's Cube Guy!



PBS' "The War That Made America"
employs Native American actors.

COLD HEARTS

THE SWEET HEREAFTER (7 p.m., IFC) The last good film by Canadian auteur Atom Egoyan introduced the world to Sarah Polley, the enigmatic centerpiece of a tapestry of grief surrounding a school-bus accident. **ARION BERGER** (EXPRESS)

11:00 AM	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	4 News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	E-Ring "War Crimes" (N)	The Biggest Loser: Special Edition	Law & Order "Heart of Darkness" (N)	News		News	Tonight Show	
	WTTG	5 Seinfeld	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	American Idol "Auditions 2" (N)	Skating With Celebrities	News			Geraldo at Large	Friends	
	WJLA	7 News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Lost "The 23rd Psalm" (N)	Lost "The Hunting Party" (N)	CSI: Invasion "Power" (N)	News		News	(.35) Nightline	
	WUSA	9 News	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Still Standing (N)	Yes, Dear	Criminal Minds "Poison" (N)	News		News	Late Show	
	WDCA	20 That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends	Every-Raymond	South Beach (N)	Veronica Mars "Blast From the Past"	The Tyra Banks Show Seth Green. (N)	Girlfriends		Girlfriends	Girlfriends	
	WMPT	22 The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week		Land and Sea of Galilee	Walking the Bible (N)	The War That Made America "A Country	Between; Unlikely Allies" (N)				
	WETA	26 BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Walking the Bible (N)	The War That Made America "A Country	Between; Unlikely Allies" (N)			Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	
	WBUT	32 Business Schl	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	P.O.V. "State of Denial" (N)	Breast Cancer	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley		Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	
WBDC	50 Steve Harvey	The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	One Tree Hill "Return of the Future"	Beauty and the Geek	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace			
BASIC CABLE	A&E	American Justice "Shotgun Justice"	Cold Case Files "Cold Hit; Silent Kill"	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Inked	Inked	Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Crossing Jordan "Dead or Alive"			
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter	The Most Extreme "Divers"	New Breed Vets "Forensics"	Animal Report	Animal Rescue	Animal Planet Heroes Phoenix (N)	New Breed Vets "Forensics"					
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Music Special	The Parkers	The Parkers	The Corner	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color				
	Bravo	Project Runway "Window Shopping"	The West Wing "Access"	Project Runway "Social Scene"	Project Runway "Window Shopping"	Project Runway "On Thin Ice" (N)	Project Runway "Social Scene"						
	Comedy	(5:00) * "Armed and Dangerous"	Com.-Presents	Reno 911!	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park	South Park	Drawn Together	Daily Show	Colbert Report	
	Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops	Cops	Texas SWAT	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect	Parco P.I.	I, Detective	
	Discovery	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab	Extreme Engineering	Superships (N)	MythBusters "Shredded Plane" (N)	Stunt Junkies	Survivorman	Dirty Jobs Turkey and potatoes.				
	DISCH	Paramedics "On the Edge"	Trauma: Life in the ER	Obese at 16: A Life in Balance	Plastic Surgery: Before and After (N)	Rebuilt: The Human Body Shop	Obese at 16: A Life in Balance						
	Disney	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	"The Proud Family" (2005) Voices of Kyla Pratt, Tommy Davidson.	Life With Derek	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven			
	E!	Golden Globes Fashion Police	E! News (N)	E! News	THS Investigates: Chandra Levy and the Capital Murders	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	Saturday Night Live					
	FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	* "Desperate Measures" (1997, Suspense) Michael Keaton, Andy Garcia.	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	* "Desperate Measures" (1997)				
	HGTV	Renovation	Wknd Warriors	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Kitchen Trends	I Want That! (N)	Buy Me (N)	Cash in the Attic	House Hunters	What You Get	Dream House	FreeStyle
	Family	7th Heaven "Paranoia"	Smallville "Calling"	** "The Beverly Hillbillies" (1993, Comedy) Jim Varney, Diedrich Bader.	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club						
	History	Modern Marvels: Towing	Modern Marvels: Million Dollar Tech	The Presidents "1789-1825"	The Presidents "1825-1849"	Modern Marvels: Cotton	Modern Marvels: Harvesting						
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"Maid of Honor" (2006, Suspense) Linda Purl, Linda Ashby.	"Criminal Intent" (2005, Suspense) Linda Purl, Vanessa Angel.	Will & Grace	Will & Grace						
	MTV	My Own (N)	Room Raiders (N)	Direct Effect	R. Wld Chal.	R. Wld Chal.	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	Made "Skateboarder" Skater.	There & Back			
	NICK	All Grown Up	Danny Phantom	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	SpongeBob	Unfabulous	Full House	Fresh Prince	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Cosby Show	
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Nightwalker"	"Tornado!" (1996, Drama) Bruce Campbell, Ernie Hudson.	** "Tidal Wave: No Escape" (1997) Corbin Bernsen, Julianne Phillips.	*** "Starmen" (1984) Jeff Bridges.								
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	** "Trading Places" (1983) Eddie Murphy. Two men's lives are altered by a bet made between tycoons.								
	TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Daisy-America	Domestic Dstrb			
TLC	Martha (N)	Against the Law "Precious Angels"	The New Detectives "Texas Rangers"	Psychic Witness	Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends	The New Detectives "Texas Rangers"							
TNT	Charmed "The Eyes Have It"	Law & Order "Harvest"	Law & Order "Punk" (DVS)	Law & Order "Baby It's You"	Homicide: Life on the Street	Las Vegas "Bait and Switch"							
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent							
VHI	Fabulous Life Of...	Web Junk 20	The Flavor of Love	40 Freakiest Concert Moments	Celebrity Fit Club	Most Shocking	Private Parts						
SPAN.	TELEM	Sala de Pareja	Noti-Telemndo	La Tormenta	El Cuerpo del Deseo	Corazón Partido	Decisiones	Decisiones	Noti-Telemndo	Laura			
	UNIV	-Que Locura!	Noticiero Univ	Piel de Otoño Mujeres valientes.	Contra Viento y Marea	Alborada	Don Francisco Presenta	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.				
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)	College Basketball North Carolina State at Duke. (Live)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Denver Nuggets. From the Pepsi Center in Denver.	SportsCenter								
	ESPN2	ESPN Hollywood	Quite Frankly	High School Basketball Episcopal (Pa.) vs. Goretty (Pa.).	College Basketball Wisconsin at Ohio State. (Live)	Tennis Australian Open -- Early Round -- Day 4.							
	CSN	Totally Football	SportsNite	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Orlando Magic. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Wizards Post.	SportsNite (Live)	Maryland	Best-Sports					
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360							
	FNC	Special Report (Live)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live)	Hannity & Colmes (Live)	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor						
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report	Hardball	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Rita Cosby Live & Direct	Scarborough Country	The Situation With Tucker Carlson						
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ** "The Goonies" (1985, Adventure) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin. 'PG'	*** "Dr. No" (1963, Adventure) Sean Connery, Ursula Andress. 'PG'	(:15) *** "From Russia With Love" (1963) Sean Connery. 'PG'									
	TCM	(:15) *** "Bringing Up Baby" (1938, Comedy) Cary Grant. 'NR' (DVS)	*** "House of Usher" (1960) Vincent Price. 'NR'	** "The Masque of the Red Death" (1964, Horror) 'NR'	** "Diary of a Madman" (1963)								
	HBO	** "The Grudge" (2004) Sarah Michelle Gellar. 'PG-13'	(:45) **** "Million Dollar Baby" (2004, Drama) Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank. 'PG-13'	Inside the NFL (N)	The Sopranos "In Camelot" (N)								
	MAX	(5:00) ** Oxygen	(:35) *** "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (2004) Jim Carrey. 'R'	** "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13'	* "Seed of Chucky" (2004) Jennifer Tilly. 'R'	* "R" 'R'	Hotel Erotica						
	SHOW	(5:05) * "Houseguest" (1995) 'PG'	*** "The Yes Men" (2003) The Yes Men. 'R'	** "The Curve" (1998) Matthew Lillard. iTV. 'R'	The L Word Alice refuses Helena.	** "Soul Plane" (2004) Kevin Hart.							
	TMC	Ring of Darkness	(:25) *** "Trees Lounge" (1996) Steve Buscemi. 'R'	** "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights" (2004) Diego Luna.	*** "Fresh" (1994, Drama) Sean Nelson. Premiere. 'R'	** "Crawlspace							
	STARZ!	The Little Rascals	(:45) *** "Lightning in a Bottle" (2004, Documentary) 'PG-13'	(:40) On the Set	** "Hostage" (2005, Action) Bruce Willis, Kevin Pollak. 'R'	** "King Arthur" (2004) 'PG-13'							
ENCORE	(:05) *** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. 'PG'	** "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans. 'PG-13'	** "The Program" (1993, Drama) James Caan, Halle Berrv. 'R'										

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Pacific Genes

Biotechnology

Hawaii's farmers split over increased role of genetic engineering

Genetic engineering saved Ken Kamiya's papaya farm on the north shore of Oahu, Hawaii, and it may yet rescue the orchid from the grips of a nasty flower-killing virus.

But in Kona, Hawaii, Una Greenaway lives in dread that biotechnology will ruin her organic coffee plantation. Pineapple industry officials have made it clear they

want nothing to do with genetic engineering.

So it goes in the Aloha State, where genetic engineering has riven a state just now awakening to the fact that its balmy and remote location has — for better and worse — long served as the world's largest outdoor biotechnology lab.

Since scientists first planted the spectacular commercial flop that was the Flavr Savr tomato on a small plot here in 1988, federal regulators have approved more than 10,600 applications to grow experimental biotech crops on 49,300 separate fields throughout the United States. More of these are in Hawaii than any other state.

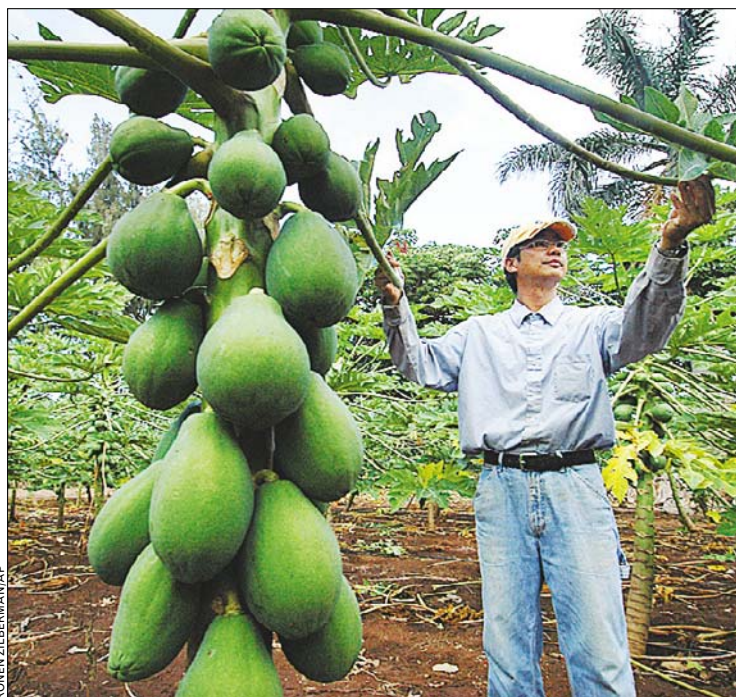
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FOOD FIX: Papaya farmers such as Albert Kung like healthy, bioengineered crops.

Through the powers of biotechnology, low-nicotine tobacco, disease-resistant cotton and soy immune to weed killer are grown here. Hawaii's genetically engineered corn projects outnumber even those grown in Iowa and Illinois.

Biotechnology companies say the weather affords them a year-round growing season, while anti-industry activists say the five-hour plane ride

from California gives the "gene jockeys" remoteness from prying eyes.

Kamiya has grown papayas, Hawaii's best-selling fruit behind pineapple, since 1969. He lived through three crop-killing epidemics and the vagaries of farming, but by the early 1990s his farm, along with the entire Hawaiian papaya industry, was finally on the brink of destruction because of a cureless virus.

Then Dennis Gonsalves of Cornell University developed the clever idea to genetically splice a harmless piece of the virus into papaya trees — essentially vaccinating them.

The gambit worked, and today, the virus is a mere nuisance for the \$16 million industry — even for the 50 percent of papayas grown conventionally and without virus protection in Hawaii. That's because the virus has fewer places to roost now.

"Gonsalves saved our butts," Kamiya said.

Kamiya recently went to Honolulu to help defeat a proposed measure from qualifying for the ballot that would have banned genetic engineering on Oahu.

But that's precisely what Hawaiian organic coffee growers such as Greenaway want. They're shocked Hawaii has become biotechnology's chief laboratory and are concerned about their economic future.

Greenaway worries biotechnology in Hawaii will lead consumers to fear Kona coffee is tainted by it. Researchers there are attempting to genetically engineer coffee plants to grow decaffeinated beans, which don't occur naturally.

"Genetic engineered coffee would be an economic disaster in Kona," Greenaway said. PAUL ELIAS (AP)



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On Campus, Online

Education

College students mix online courses with traditional classes

Andy Steele lives just a few blocks from the campus of Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D., so commuting to class isn't the problem. But he doesn't like lectures much, isn't a morning person, and wants time during the day to restore motorcycles.

So Steele, a full-time senior business major, has been taking as many classes as he can from the state system's online offerings. He gets better grades and learns more, he said, and insists he isn't missing out on the college experience.

"I still know a lot of people from my first two years living on cam-

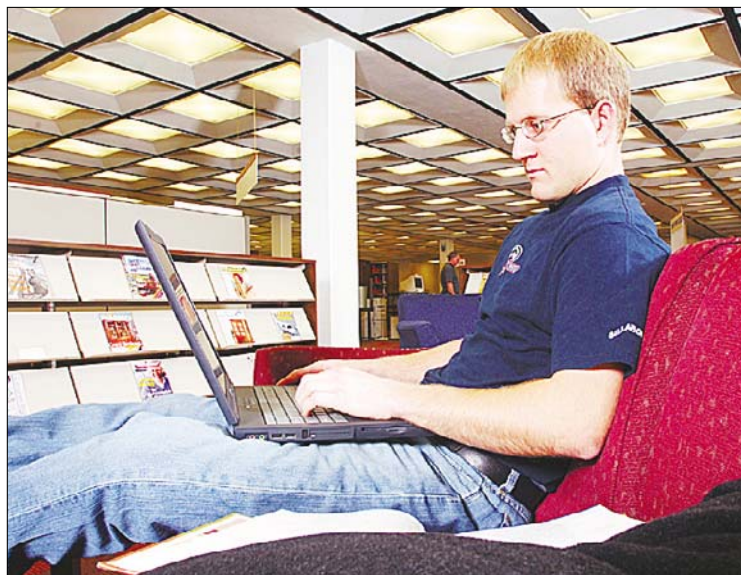
"I still meet a lot of people."

ANDY STEELE
BLACK HILLS STATE STUDENT

pus, and I still meet a lot of people," he said. But now, he sets his own schedule.

At least 2.3 million people took some kind of online course in 2004, according to a survey by The Sloan Consortium, an online education group, and two-thirds of colleges with "face-to-face" courses also offer online ones. But what were once two distinct types of classes are more and more alike — and dipping into the same pool of students.

At some schools, online courses — originally intended for nontraditional students far from campus — have proved surprisingly popular



Andy Steele hates having a set schedule of classes, so he takes some online.

with on-campus students. A recent study by South Dakota's Board of Regents found 42 percent of the students enrolled in its distance-education courses weren't so distant: they

were located on the campus that was hosting the online course.

Numbers vary depending on the policies of particular colleges, but other schools also have students

mixing and matching online and "face-to-face" credits. Motives range from lifestyle to accommodating a job schedule to getting into high-demand courses.

Washington State had about 325 on-campus undergraduates taking one or more distance courses last year. As many as 9,000 students took both distance and in-person classes at Arizona State last year.

"Business is really about providing options to their customers, and that's really what we want to do," said Sheila Aaker, extended services coordinator at Black Hills State.

Still, the trend poses something of a dilemma for universities.

They are reluctant to fill slots intended for distance students with on-campus ones who are just too lazy to get up for class. On the other hand, if they insist the online courses are just as good, it's hard to tell students they can't take them.

ASU's director of distance learning Marc Van Horne said schools should do what they can to help students graduate on time, including let them take online courses.

"Is that a worthwhile goal for us to pursue? I'd say 'absolutely,'" he said. JUSTIN POPE (AP)



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Old Gold

Four trends from a red-carpet snoozer



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Ugly

For the most part, fashion at Monday's Golden Globes was safe, classic and boring. Nevertheless, a few stars stepped up to be mocked, including the usually impeccable **CHARLIZE THERON**. While it was courageous of her to show up after apparently being attacked by wolverines bent on shredding her nightgown, only to be further delayed by a meeting with a fashion-addled five-year old who believes The Best Lace is Lots of Lace, her **DIOR** cocktail dress looked like a Negligee of the Living Dead. Other missteps included **GEENA DAVIS** as Miss Texas 1982.

Bumps

Babies are the new black. **RACHEL WEISZ**, **DEBI MAZAR**, and **GWYNETH PALTROW** all flaunted their baby lumps with varying degrees of panache. Gwyneth sent maternity fashion screaming back into the womb with her floofy, lacy, Jane Austen-meets-Laura Ashley gown by **BALENCIAGA**. While ivory works on her, the flouncy, fussy look lacked glamour. Sure, she's all into being British now, but there's no need to dress like you're off to the moor for a rain-soaked interlude with your tormented yet good-at-heart lover.

Goddess

FELICITY HUFFMAN is the woman that all men want and all women want to be, unless they have no taste or eye for talent. Her speech, remembering two times she didn't work for a year at a stretch, echoed the elegance in her goddess-style gown by **MARCHESA**. Subdued jewelry kept the neckline from being overpowering, and the flowing fabric under the empire waistline gave her an ease of movement not often seen in corseted-until-they-pop starlets. Rounding out the pantheon were Keira Knightley, Maria Bello and Kate Beckinsale.

Short

Evening gowns can seem kind of absurd for an event that begins at 3 p.m. Pacific Time. Some stars lifted their hemlines with cocktail-length dresses, which kept the look fancy while easing up on the formality. **NATALIE PORTMAN** in vintage **CHANEL** looked understated but elegant, with the lace adding movement rather than functioning as a distraction. The belt was a nice visual accent, keeping the dress from becoming too matronly. Other shorties included Reese Witherspoon and Anne Hathaway. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Chocolate



Like Eating Diamonds

Last year, Godiva gave away 52 pairs of Manolo Blahniks to one lucky lady. The gift-giving continues this Valentine's Day, when one chocolate lover will get to select **\$80,000 WORTH OF J. STERN JEWELS** (she or he will also get 80 boxes of chocolates). One hundred others will each take home \$800 in jewels. Buy any \$23-or-more Valentine's Day 2006 collection from now until February 28 to enter. Sure, the diamonds would be nice, but 80 boxes of chocolate is also pretty hot. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty



Brows for Dummies

Those blessed with the mad skillz needed to apply mascara in a moving car will be well-prepared for the contortions required by **MODEL CO.'S EYE BROWZ GROOMING KIT** (in three shades, \$26, Sephora). The theory: Put stencil on eyebrow, fill in with wax and powder, tweeze whatever's left over. It's not at all easy to hold a stencil against your face with one hand and groom with the other, as it turns out. After some practice, however, bushy, colorless brows were transformed into passably tidy forehead 'staches. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

LOOK out

Voices



Baggage Check

ANDREA BONIOR, PH.D.

The Magic Is So Gone

I am a very romantic person. When I met my husband of nine years, I was so excited to be with a stable and trustworthy guy. Now I'm bored. He hardly ever shows his emotions and doesn't have a romantic bone in his body. He is such a good man, but I'm worried that if something does not change, I will end up having an affair. I love so much about him, but I truly feel that outside of our three children and our home, we have nothing. I cannot even say we're best friends, because we lack communication big time. We seldom argue because he does not like to make waves, so while there is always peace in our house, I am beyond bored with the entire situation. —METRO-AREA WIFE

The best thing I can do for you in this space (other than giving you winning PowerBall numbers — Madame Zelda was busy) is to convince you that marriage counseling would be a really good idea. Improving communication, reigniting a spark, clarifying and reconciling the needs and wants of both of you — it's a medley of couples therapy's greatest hits.

Some people say they'd rather not tell a stranger their intimate details. Well, it's no picnic telling a white-coated doctor that your bum's sporting a rash the shape of a kumquat, but you wouldn't dream of taking care of that yourself, would you? Maybe you're afraid of initiating the conversation with your husband. It may be difficult, but surely it's easier to say, "Honey, I'm not quite happy with things: Let's work on them," than "Honey, I slept with your golf buddy." You owe it to your husband, your kids and yourself to try and get to the bottom of your ennui.

My mother is constantly saying she's sick. She cancels lunches, bails out on visiting me (and my husband and young daughter) and just generally doesn't keep commitments because she has a cold or headache or "isn't feeling well." She's in her early 60s and is divorced; she doesn't have any obvious medical problems and is reasonably fit. I'm wondering if I'm right in suspecting there's more to this. It's been going on for about a year.

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Certainly there could be much more to this. The first place to start, of course, is to make sure she gets a checkup from a general practitioner.

It's often easier to say you have a headache than to explain that you're feeling hopeless, angry or lonely.

ner. But psychological factors definitely might be coming into play. Chronic stress, anxiety or depression could be doing a number on her immune system, or her symptoms could be masking whatever's really going on. It's often easier to say you have a headache than to explain that you're feeling hopeless, angry or lonely — emotions which themselves can manifest as headaches or nausea. But before taking a magnifying glass to your mom, have an open-ended, non-accusatory conversation with her. Whichever way her illnesses lean on the mind-body spectrum, your support and caring could be the first step in helping her feel better.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D. at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

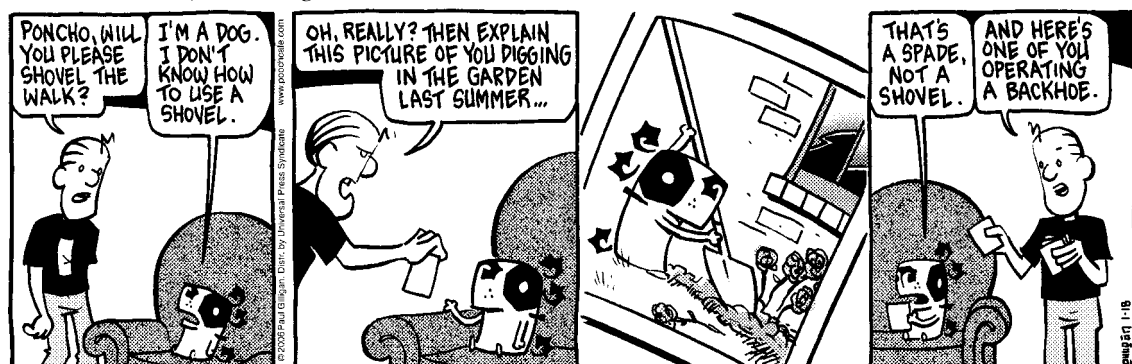
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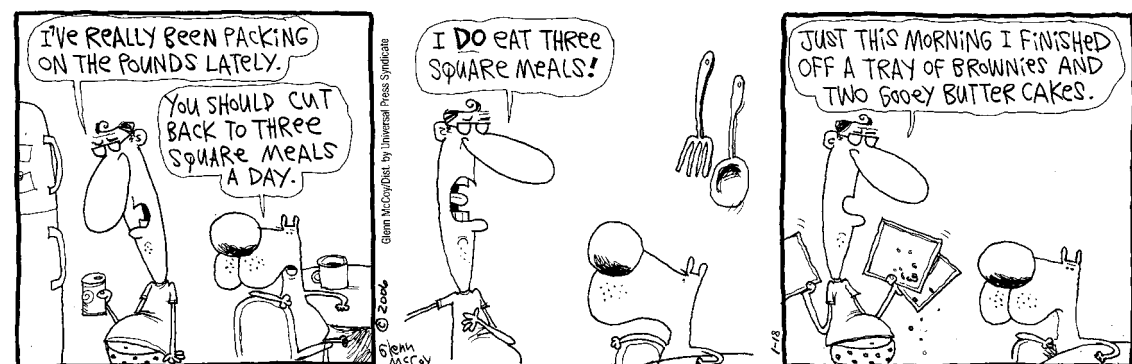
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By Stella Wilder

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A conflict with a friend may sap your energy, leaving you vulnerable and unready for what lies ahead. Do what you can to ease tensions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Follow the rules and you’ll be in good shape by day’s end; a major delay will result from your attempts to take a shortcut.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Look to your childhood for the answers you most seek. You’ll discover, much to your delight, that you know now all you did then.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The attraction you feel for a dangerous endeavor or may be easily explained — and once explained, it can be easily set aside. Take no such risks.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are inventive, but it may be up to a friend to get you to do the right things with all those ideas. You can increase profits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may feel passed over after not receiving an invitation to a certain social event. Be glad; you have better things to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be willing to spend most of the day filling holes — that is, taking care of business you may have passed up in recent days or weeks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Furthest out of reach is worth pursuing. Take advantage of all resources at your disposal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) There’s too much work for one person to do on his or her own, so be willing to share some secrets merely to get the help you require.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) What begins in jest may end in earnest — and you’re going to want to be on the right side of the issue when things heat up unexpectedly.

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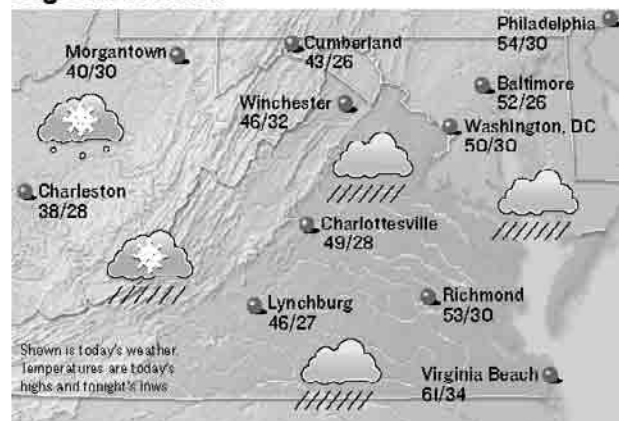
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Normal month to date	1.81"
Year to date	1.20"
Last year to date	2.53"
Normal year to date	1.81"

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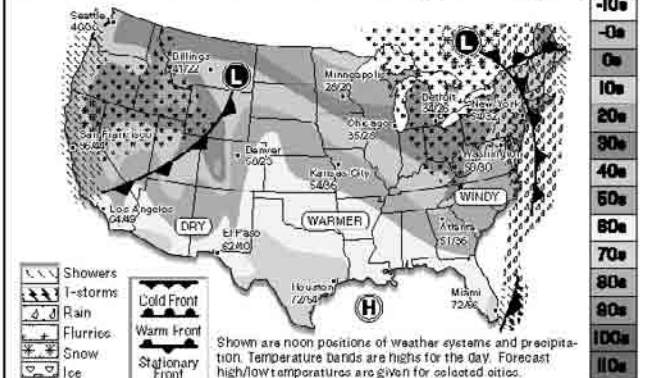
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:13 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:23 p.m.
Moonset today	9:47 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, January 18



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	51/36/s	62/40/s
Boston	51/30/r	46/36/s
Chicago	35/28/pc	44/29/sh
Dallas	66/48/pc	73/55/s
Denver	58/23/pc	38/14/sf
Honolulu	83/69/pc	81/69/pc
Los Angeles	64/49/pc	64/44/s
Miami	72/56/sh	77/68/pc
New York City	54/32/r	48/38/s
Orlando	63/40/s	71/54/s
Seattle	46/36/sh	44/37/c

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	45/43/sh	48/43/pc
Athens	55/42/pc	57/43/r
Berlin	32/22/sn	34/28/pc
Buenos Aires	79/63/s	85/69/s
Calgary	37/17/c	29/12/sf
Dublin	50/46/sh	52/43/sh
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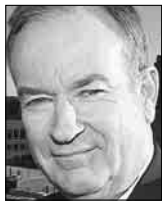
CASTING

Always the Sidekick

"American Idol" runner-up **DIANA DEGARMO** will join the cast of Broadway's "Hairspray" on Feb. 7. The 18-year-old DeGarmo will portray the heroine's best friend, Penny Pingleton, in the musical, which opened on Broadway in August 2002. (AP)

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CONFUSION

'And, Whoops! I Was Engaged!'

BRITTANY MURPHY is reportedly engaged. The actress, who met Joe Macaluso while he was working as a production assistant on "Little Black Book," got engaged over the holidays, according to published reports Monday. The couple had not yet set a date for their wedding. Murphy, 28, previously dated Ashton Kutcher, her co-star in 2003's "Just Married." She also was briefly engaged to talent manager Jeff Kwatinetz. (AP)

AUCTIONS

His Tattered Kleenex Will Be Thrown In for Free

JOHN LENNON's original draft of the lyrics to the Beatles' classic "A Day in the Life" went on sale Tuesday, the 39th anniversary of the date Lennon was inspired to compose the song after reading his morning



"I, John Lennon, enjoy having all my stuff sold."

newspaper. The manuscript will be sold in a sealed-bid auction ending March 7, Bonhams auction house announced. The song, which begins "I read the news today, oh boy," was inspired by the Daily Mail of Jan. 17, 1967. (AP)

KINDNESS

Shatner Generously Sells Beloved Pet 'Kiddy'

WILLIAM SHATNER has sold his kidney stone for \$25,000, with the money going to a housing charity. Shatner reached an agreement Monday to



sell the stone to GoldenPalace.com. "This takes organ donors to a new height, to a new low, maybe," he said. (AP)



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FILTHY GOSSIP

Who Would Believe Such a Hideous Lie About Denzel?

SANAA LATHAN denies she had an affair with Denzel Washington, her co-star in the 2003 thriller "Out of Time," in the February issue of Vibe. "[The rumor] got started because the movie had a love scene with Denzel, and people took that and translated it to real life," she told the magazine. "They said I was pregnant with Denzel's child, and people were calling my mother, saying I'm having his baby. It's frustrating. People are going to talk no matter what." (AP)



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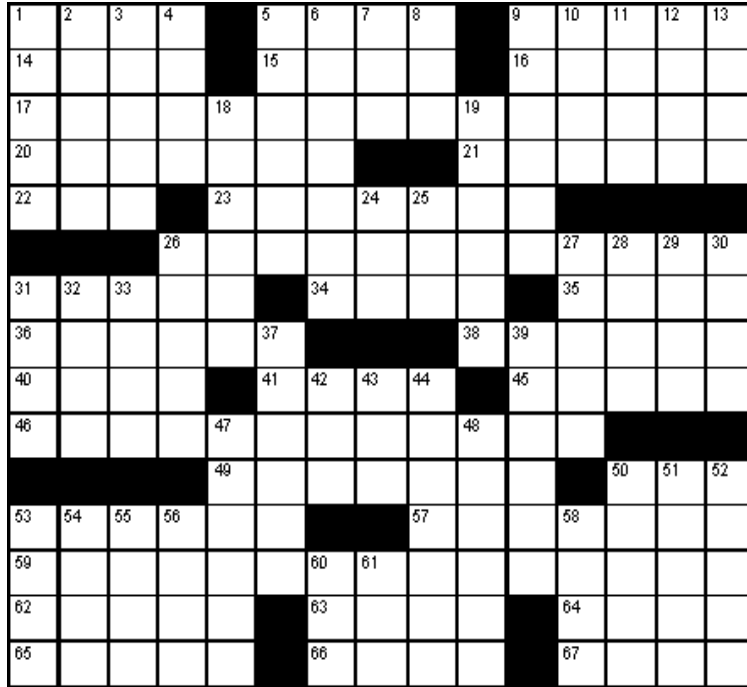
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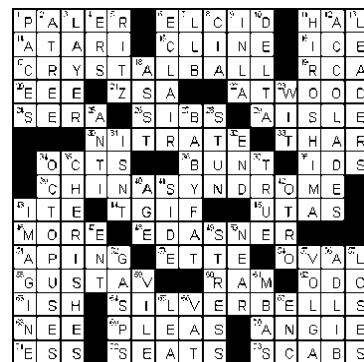
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Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1778 English navigator Captain James Cook reached the Hawaiian Islands, which he dubbed the "Sandwich Islands."

1862 The 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

1912 English explorer Robert F. Scott and his crew reached the South Pole, only to find that Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. Scott and his party perished during the return trip.

1943 During World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken the long Nazi siege of Leningrad.

1967 Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses.

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LEARNING THE LANGUAGE: Ana Trisan, center, teaches with flashcards at Spanish Blackbelt, a local language program.

The Spanish Fly

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¿Ustedes hablan español? If you don't speak Spanish, you may soon feel left behind. One of the fastest-growing ethnic groups in the U.S., Hispanics currently make up 15 percent of the population. In Maryland, Virginia and D.C., there

are about 7 million people who primarily speak Spanish at home, and in some neighborhoods, such as the District's Mount Pleasant and some areas of Northern Virginia and Montgomery County, the language is almost, well, *necesito*.

With so much Hispanic culture around, it's no wonder that many people are eager to get past *por favor* and *gracias*. Fortunately,

there are plenty of classes in the area to help.

Betsy Sanford first started learning Spanish to prepare for a family trip to Spain. That was back in 2001, and she's been taking classes ever since, first with Montgomery County Adult Education and now with Montgomery County Community College. "I realize that I don't have fluency, yet," she said, "but I understand more and

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more each semester."

Sanford has found Spanish to be particularly helpful in her work as a math specialist at an elementary school in Fairfax County. She now will try to explain concepts in Spanish to Hispanic students and can better relate to students who hesitate to participate in class because they're embarrassed about their English skills.

People interested in taking a Spanish class may want to think about how they learn best. Do you prefer a traditional classroom with other students? Or individualized tutoring?

For those who want a little more personalized instruction, Spanish Black Belt, started three-and-a-half years ago by Nicolas Canales, sets people up with tutors for one-on-one or small-group sessions. Students get to pick their class schedules (up to 16 hours a week) and classrooms (home, office, café). Canales said his students "want to practice and interact in a very informal, social, and fun environment," said Canales. Spanish Black Belt also has one of the coolest ways to designate fluency levels: Using the terminology of karate, students work up from white belt to black belt.

There are many options for those who want to sign up for more traditional classes. The University of Maryland University College, Northern Virginia Community College and other area schools offer classes ranging from beginner Spanish to advanced speaking and literature courses. Many of the classes are at night and geared toward working adults. Students often choose between credit and

non-credit courses; non-credit courses are usually shorter and less intense.

At NVCC, courses are designed for various types of professionals. There's a Spanish class for health-care workers, one for law enforcement and another for those involved in business. There's even a class, "Spanish for Heritage Speakers,"

“When learning English, I was trying to rationalize why ‘Kansas’ is pronounced Kansas, and Arkansas is not pronounced like Kansas.”

ELENA TSCHERNY
GRADUATE SCHOOL, USDA

for students who picked up some Spanish from their parents or grandparents but want to learn more.

"They have the language they speak at home, which may be related to clothes and food, but it is not an academic language," said Carmen Figueroa, who teaches the class. "They know how to speak and listen but not how to read and write, and their vocabulary is limited."

Like many schools, the Graduate School, USDA offers several types of introductory Spanish courses including traditional Spanish I and Conversational Spanish. The conversational class, with its focus on speaking and listening, is "for the student who learns through the ear," said Klaus Luthardt, who manages

the foreign-language program for the Graduate School. "The introductory, that's for the student who learns more through the eye and through the concepts," he said.

Instructor Elena Tscherny says that she emphasizes culture as well as language in her classes at the Graduate School, USDA. In addition to listening to Spanish radio programs and being taught almost exclusively in the language, students also read a Spanish play. Near the end of the session, the class goes out together for a Hispanic dinner and then watches the play performed live.

Many students are motivated by the increasing presence of Spanish in their lives — either through work, friends or dating someone who is Hispanic. For many professionals who are used to being experts in their fields, starting from square one can be frustrating. Words roll awkwardly off the tongue, and basic vocabulary requires rote memorization. Tscherny, who emigrated here from Peru in 1974, remembers seeing it from the flip side. "When learning English, I was trying to rationalize why 'Kansas' is pronounced Kansas, and Arkansas is not pronounced like Kansas."

To be sure, it can take time to become proficient in a foreign language. While Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky D-Ill., has taken Spanish classes for the past five years, she only recently worked up the nerve to give a speech in Spanish. "I wanted to try, and the audience appreciated it," she said. Next, she's going to try to give a full interview in the language. Good luck, or should we say, *Buenos suerte*. BETSY QUERNA

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Sondra Mendelson didn't enjoy practicing telecommunications law. The job didn't mean much to her, and she'd spend her days wondering if her work was contributing

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Mendelson, 31, enjoyed the

classes so much that as soon as she graduated, she enrolled in a master's program in crisis management at George Washington University.

"I wanted to make a change to my career that could actually help people and have a real impact," said Mendelson, who is now a strategic planning policy researcher at the Homeland Security Institute, a federally-funded think tank based in Arlington.

Once the domain of former cops and retired firefighters, homeland security is becoming one of the nation's hottest careers. The Department of Labor recently listed emergency management as one of the fastest-growing occupations, and universities are racing to start new programs.

"The demand for graduates is the result of a need at the local, state and federal levels, not to mention the private sector," said Todd Stewart, director of the National Academic Consortium for Homeland Security, an association of 320 schools with security programs based in Columbus, Ohio. "They are all struggling to

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Before the World Trade Center fell, homeland security was not recognized as a discipline — academic or otherwise. Now, the term is used to describe the various efforts to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism and natural disasters.

“Homeland security and emergency management is a lot like the field of computer science was in the 1960s, which was just a collection of ideas,” said Garth MacKenzie, an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, University College’s Security Studies Laboratory.

Many local schools are at the forefront of the effort to develop the field. Drawing on well-connected faculty, area schools such as Johns Hopkins University, George Washington University and Northern Virginia Community College have started one-year certificate and two-year master’s pro-

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grams that train students in specific areas of homeland security such as information technology, public health and disaster management.

But applicants should do their research. Not all schools have a fully developed homeland security curriculum; some have just repackaged criminal justice and public health courses.

“Until there is a standardized curriculum, there is a danger that you’ll find people with degrees from ‘Al’s Homeland Security and Screen Door Company’ that don’t mean anything,” said Stewart. For now, Stewart and others recommend that students only attend reputable, accredited schools. And if an applicant is interested in a specific homeland security field like cyber-security, they should make that the uni-

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working in that area.

As schools start degree and certificate programs, homeland security is also developing into its own job track. "The idea behind all these programs, ours included, is to create a new [professional] model of emergency management," said George Haddow, an adjunct professor at GWU. "You can't just simply appoint former police and firemen to direct emergency management anymore, the job is too complicated."

Over the next decade, the demand for professionals with emergency management and homeland security training is expected to soar. Observers believe that the



GOTTA GO: After 9/11, Sondra Mendelson quit her job at a telecommunications law firm to work as a homeland security analyst.

Department of Homeland Security will soon become the government's largest civilian agency, and over the next few years, the agency says that it plans to hire hundreds of people, from terrorism analysts to border control agents.

Cyber-security specialists are particularly sought-after: A recent study found that 7,000 new grads are needed each year to help meet the state's growing Internet security needs. The median salary for an information-security professional is around \$80,000.

For students, juggling different disciplines and learning to coordinate between agencies and jurisdictions is often the name of the emergency-management game. At UMUC, students participate in computer-based disaster simulations in which they are put in charge of a small fictional village called San Luis Rey.

The program then simulates a dirty bomb attack or a natural disaster, which the students must try to prevent. If they are unsuccessful in stopping the calamity, students must deal with the political consequences — scolding memos from the mayor — as well as the humanitarian fallout.

As a public information officer for Fairfax County, Greg Licamele often participates in disaster simulations run by local county officials. Licamele, whose lifelong fascination with natural disasters usually keeps him glued to the Weather Channel during a hurricane, decided that he needed to learn more about the field of emergency management and enrolled in the GWU certificate program in homeland security last spring.

"If I was going to be dealing with emergencies in my day job, I knew I would need a background that shows I understand the full [range] of issues involved," said Licamele, 28, who will take a class this spring on public health issues like flu pandemics and health risks in the wake of natural disasters.

Taking classes while working full-time comes at a cost to his social life, Licamele said, but he hopes the investment will pay off. "The threats that we are facing from natural disasters and terrorists are not going to go away and there is a need for qualified people to deal with them," he said.

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Lights are all green for a career as an auto mechanic

Steve Loudon, owner of 29-year-old Loudon Motorcar Services in Dallas, sees a common thread among the mechanics and technicians he's trained: "They have a mechanical aptitude and a knack for how things work." Also, the good ones share a natural curiosity. They want to learn. "Growing up," Loudon said, "these people took apart their alarm clocks, bikes and later their dad's cars."

Loudon, who holds a business degree from Florida State University, is a master certified technician who functions on the job more as a "coach than a doer." His shop, with its four techs (nine employees total), specializes in Mercedes, BMW, Porsche and Volvo models. The main ingredient for success, he said, is street smarts and a no-fear attitude toward computers. That and protecting your reputation. In the latter regard, he worries that the industry's image suffers because only a few states require licensing.

"You can't cut hair or do a manicure without being tested, but you can buy a few hundred dollars' worth of tools and put computer-controlled brakes on a car and send these cars back out on the road driving 60 miles per hour," he said. "Nobody ever died from a bad haircut."

But the industry does have a certification process, and it portends a rosy future for auto technicians, said Tony Molla, vice president of communications for the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, the automotive repair industry's certification agency. "An ASE-certified automotive technician offers the opportunity for good earnings and secure job growth. You can't offshore an oil change," Molla said. "And the job is portable; technicians are needed in all parts of the country. Most careers can't match that."

The best path to finding work, Molla said, is via an ASE-certified automotive technology program offered through the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (www.natef.org). Graduates of these programs in secondary and postsecondary institutions are in the highest demand, he said. Indeed, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that ASE certi-

fication has become a standard credential for automotive service technicians.

Certification is available in eight service areas, such as electrical systems, engine repair, brake systems, suspension and steering and heating and air conditioning. For certification in each area, technicians must have at least two years of experience and pass a written

exam. Completion of an automotive training program in high school, vocational or trade school or a community college may substitute for one year of experience. In some cases, graduates of ASE-certified programs achieve certification in up to three specialties.

Several avenues exist to enter the auto repair industry. NATEF's Trish Serratore suggests investigat-

ing the auto tech classes at a community college. For-profit schools such as Lincoln Tech and Universal Technical Institute might be more expensive.

"You should look at everything," she said. Gaining experience working in a shop can be a challenge for someone new to the industry, Serratore said, but

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REV UP: Steve Louden of Loudon Motorcar Services is a coach to his technicians.

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"There is job shadowing, where you are not paid but watch; internships where you work and are not paid; and co-ops, where you do the work and receive a little payment. Most auto technology programs have something like that," she said. "Sometimes, community college classes affiliated with manufacturer dealers and generic programs might send their students to a franchise or an independent repair shop."

Curt Jenkins, director for the automotive technology program at Eastfield College in Mesquite, Texas, added that such real-world shop experience while in school magnifies the learning for those seeking their associate's degree of applied science in automotive technology. "If they're applying the knowledge, the teaching sticks a bit better," he said.

Cost for a community college's tuition and books can hit \$4,500 for a two-year degree. Add \$2,500 for a starter set of tools. "We work hard to place students," Jenkins said. "Most go to work before they get their degree. The degree makes the student more attractive to the prospective employer. It says that the student can take a long-term project and finish, and that speaks to character." Also, a degree places the student in the network of

employers who call the college looking for prospects.

There are many options for a newly-minted mechanic, said Angie Wilson, vice president of communications at the Automotive Service Association (www.asashop.org). The ASA represents 12,000 independent service and repair businesses. "If the person likes variety, one of the 81,533 independent general repair shops might be preferable," she said. If not, one of the country's 22,000 dealerships could be the right fit.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median hourly wage of automotive service technicians and mechanics, including commission, was \$14.71 in 2002. Most entry-level technicians will earn between \$22,000 and \$26,000 per year, according to ASE's Molla. Some experienced and highly qualified technicians can earn in excess of \$100,000 per year. Most technicians, he said, average \$45,000-\$65,000.

"Given the importance of the individual vehicle to our transportation system in the U.S., the future is bright," Molla said. And he added that as vehicle technology advances, technicians must continuously upgrade their skills. "Auto technicians never really stop training."

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BIG SMILE: For orthodontic assistant Elizabeth Shemberger, straightening teeth "is like a work of art — creating the plan, working the plan, seeing the results."

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The career outlook for orthodontics is clear: Open wide.

Mom, counselor, architect and construction worker. "There are so many hats to wear here in the office," said Elizabeth Shemberger, an orthodontic assistant for Dr. C. Moody Alexander in Dallas and his son, Dr. J. Clifton Alexander. "Sometimes you have a patient who is not cooperating. We ask, 'what's going on?' That will lead the patient into talking to us about personal life issues," said Shemberger, 36, who will take on a counselor's role. "Before you know it, you've built a personal relationship with that patient and vice versa."

Because a smile is always the goal of her work, she also becomes both an architect and a construction worker. "Making straight teeth is like a work of art — creating the plan, working the plan and seeing

the results," she explained.

The demand for orthodontic assistants has been booming as more and more adults and children get braces. "The total universe of patients has nearly doubled since 1982, as compared to estimates of the numbers of patients in the year 2000," said Pam Paladin, spokeswoman for the American Association of Orthodontists in St. Louis. "We are surveying our members now to update these numbers. There was growth of 14.2 percent in adult patients from 1989 to 2000."

Since then, an estimated 5 million people in the United States and Canada have undergone orthodontic treatment each year, up from 3.5 million in 1989. About 20 percent, or 1 million, of today's patients are 18 years or older. In 2004, patients were under the care of nearly 9,200 North American orthodontists, whose ranks have swelled from

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6,800 in 1982. "Orthodontic programs graduate roughly 200 new orthodontists annually who will practice in the U.S. and Canada," Paladin said.

The elder Dr. Alexander, 73, has watched this trend during his long career. He is a clinical professor and former chairman of orthodontics at Baylor College of Dentistry and past president of the Southwest Society of Orthodontics. "We need more assistants for the young orthodontists soon out of school," he said. "There is always an opportunity for a good orthodontic assistant." His office employs four full-time assistants. Two part-time assistants work at a Coppel,

“Who pays for the education depends upon the situation. If the doctor has hired someone with no experience, they may send the assistant through the program. If a student does not yet work in the field, they would pay for their education themselves.”

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Texas, location operated by his son. "Orthodontic assisting is an on-the-job training profession. Every orthodontist is different and has different techniques. Of course, there are basic fundamentals that can be learned in assistant training school," he said.

With orthodontics carving out a specialty within dentistry, the orthodontic assistant performs more specialized tasks requiring more one-on-one interaction with patients than other types of assistants. The main function involves hands-on adjustment of braces, but an assistant will also make impressions of teeth and take X-rays and photographs. Orthodontic assistants can expect to earn \$1 to \$2 more per hour than dental assistants. Median hourly earnings of dental assistants, reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, were \$13.10 in 2002, the latest available figures. An experienced orthodontic assistant can fetch \$33,000 to \$40,000 a year, Alexander said.

Lack of trained orthodontic staff is one of the top three challenges facing orthodontists and was addressed at the annual American Association of Orthodontists Leadership Conference last January. Traditional learn-as-you-go training has been "time-consuming, expensive due to lost productivity, frustrating and often ineffective," said Dr. Doug Depew, founder of the Academy of Orthodontic Assisting, a network of vocational schools in several metropolitan areas. Since its inception in the late 1990s, the academy has had more than 350 graduates.

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How important is it to work in your desired field before graduation? I'm going to school to be a librarian, but in the meantime am working as a secretary. I'm working on my bachelor's degree and hope to work in the field after that while I get my library degree, but I'm wondering if I'm wasting valuable time (I'll be 42 at least by the time I get my graduate degree). I do some volunteer library work but it's not substantial.

Have you tried to find work in the library field? If you haven't, then you probably should. It will simply help you find a job when it comes time. But if you can't seem to find a decent paying position in the field, then I would say it's fine to stay where you are, earning a decent paycheck, while gaining skills, contacts and experience as a volunteer. Perhaps you can up your experiences or volunteer time. Just make sure when you are ready to dive in that you remember to put the library experience front and center on the resume.

I'm about one month into a new job. I really like it. Before I started, I was told the office hours were from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., but that people aren't hung up on punching the clock as long as you get your work done. I commute into the city by train and I've been working approx. 8:40 a.m. to 5:40 p.m. because of the train schedule. I don't mind working over if necessary, but I'd prefer to come in, get my work done, and (gasp!) go home. Is there something wrong with me? When I'm putting on my coat at 5:40 p.m., I have literally seen people looking at their watches. Am I being a slacker because I don't want to spend my entire waking life here? How should I respond when people behave this way?

They are probably looking at their watches because they're hoping it's time for them to leave, as well. If you are getting your work done, and you were told the

hours don't really matter, and you are happy with the work you did, then button up the coat and get on the train.

I just got a new job that requires me to upgrade my work clothing wardrobe (i.e., suits). The job I've had for the past year and a half was more casual (i.e., pants, sweaters, even nice jeans). Where do you suggest I, as a 23-year-old woman with a somewhat limited cash flow, go to find these suits (or other appropriate options)? I don't want to look cheap. And, what other options are there for me, starting basically from square one?

Without trying to sound like a commercial: Ann Taylor Loft is an affordable shop I frequent. Filene's Basement. Gap for the shirts that go under suit jackets. Sales anywhere after the holidays. There are lots of good options beyond just suits.

I work in a very small office where we share our projects and workload. Recently, my co-worker has made a habit of pointing out all of my mistakes when she finds them on our shared workspace (usually small grammatical/html-related thing). She is right, but I'm getting more and more annoyed by her daily pointing them out. Is this something that I can/should speak to my supervisor about (he is very easy-going) or address with my co-worker? If so, how?

Well, is she pointing out things you may need to learn? Maybe you should listen to her and see if you can improve your own writing thanks to her guidance. Try not to take offense, let go a little, and it won't seem as annoying. If that just isn't an option, ask her to stop. Don't pull a manager in on this one. You'll just sound whiny, and the manager will see that you make all sorts of grammatical/html mistakes. Your coworker might be saving you in the long run.

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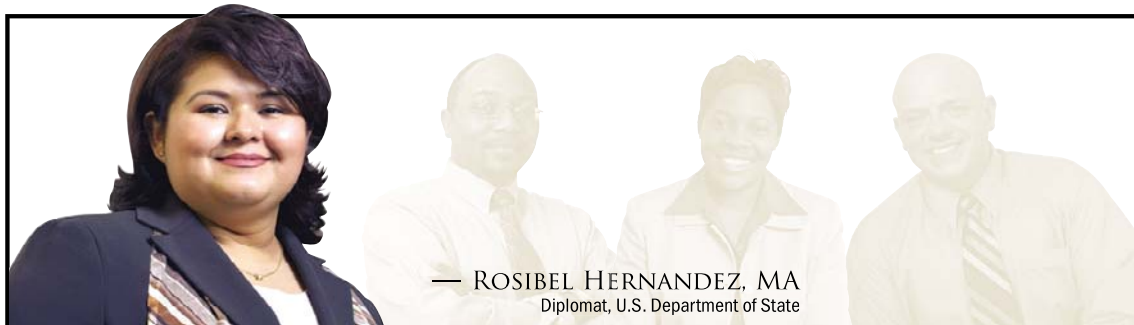


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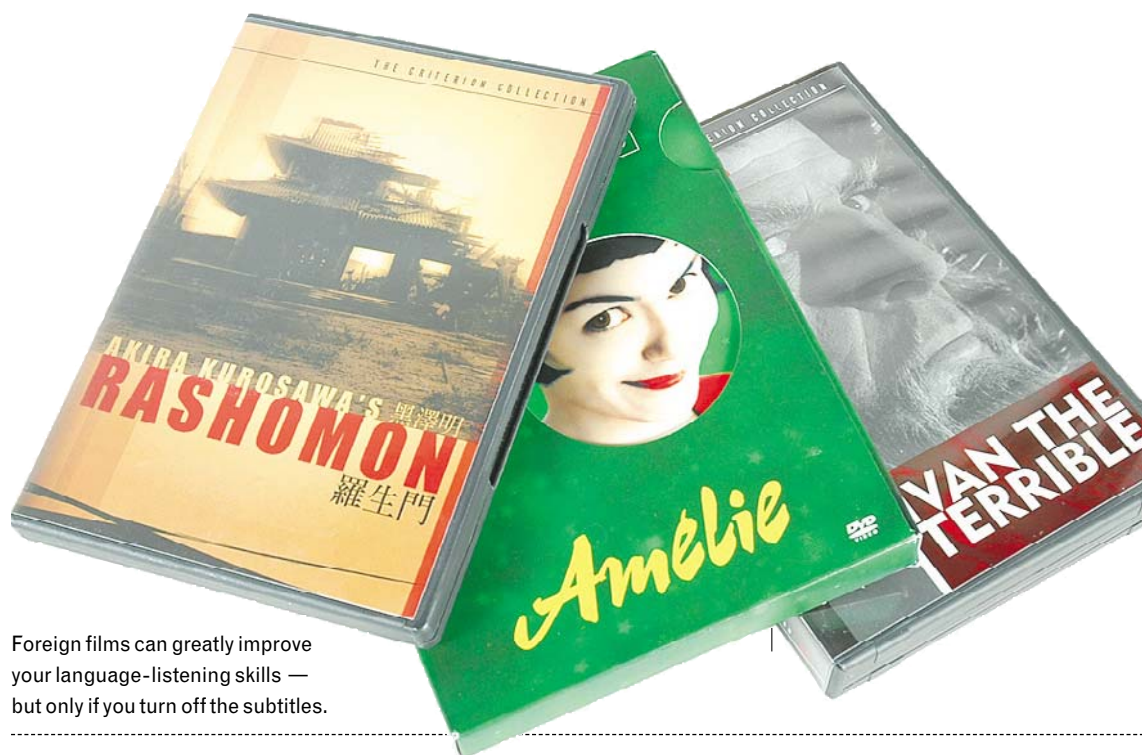
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How to get the most out of your foreign language classes

Washingtonians enroll in language classes for a number of reasons — business, travel, academic interest, a desire to connect with their cultural heritage and, sometimes, because they've fallen in love with someone from another culture.

But many adult students in this stressed-out city face a time crunch. Teachers say the difficulty of balancing language studies with work and a personal life is the top reason students stop taking classes.

Requirements for language study vary widely. Some programs, like the continuing education school at Georgetown, cater to busy professionals. Others are more rigorous: Students at the Middle East Institute spend roughly four hours a week in class and are expected to devote at least as much time on their own.

Look for quick, fun ways to make the language part of your everyday life. Reviewing 10 or 15

minutes a day is more effective than two hours once a week, said Wallace Ragan, who teaches continuing-education Latin at Georgetown. "Cramming is the worst thing," he said. "But we have to be realistic. I

American Society of Washington, D.C., which offers adult Japanese. She also recommends watching foreign films and scanning headlines of foreign newspapers online, which are easy to understand when the writing is simple.

Jack Child, who teaches Spanish at American University, suggested joining a conversation group or connecting with a native speaker of the language you're learning who wants to practice English. You can find partners and groups through the D.C. Language Interchange (groups.yahoo.com/group/DCLI) and on Meetup.com. Some classes will also find language partners for students.

Then there are good old-fashioned flash cards — portable, and cheap if you make your own using index cards. "You must spend some time memorizing so that patterns sink in," said Shukri Abed, chair of the languages department at the Middle East Institute. Abed also takes students to restaurants where they can converse with waitstaff and practice ordering in the language they're learning — a delicious way to study. DENISE KERSTEN



Want to improve your French? Try a magazine. You'll improve your reading ability — and catch up on local gossip.

always encourage people to come to class even if they're not prepared."

Spend rush hour listening to language CDs or tapes, said Yukiko Hino, associate director of the Japan-

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Learning Arabic is grueling. So why are so many signing up?

Arabic teacher Mustafa Alhashimi paces in front of his five adult students, clucking like a turkey. He's illustrating the sound made by the letter qaaf, and his class at the International Language Institute in Northwest Washington is earnestly clucking along with him.

"This is an important letter," Alhashimi says. Qaaf is used in the word Quran, after all, and in Qatar, which is where student Lydia Kepich, a special education teacher, will be going to work in a few months. Unfortunately, neither she nor the rest of the class is quite sure how to pronounce Qatar. A lot of Westerners pronounce it like "gutter," which, Alhashimi emphasizes, is really not nice.

It's the sixth week of this 10-week evening class in beginning Arabic, and the students are still working their way through the 28-letter Arabic alphabet. Some of the sounds the letters make don't have equivalents in English, and they can be difficult for native English speakers to enunciate.

Furthermore, the striking letters, with their flourishes, curves, circles and dots, change form depending on where they are in the word. A stand-alone qaaf is what Alhashimi called a "cup-like shape," beginning with a small circle on the right side with two dots over it. A qaaf that begins a word flattens out on the left. A qaaf in the middle of a word is a small circle with the two dots over it and is linked to the letters before and after it. A qaaf at the end of a word is connected to the letter before it on the right, includes a dotted circle and ends with an upward curve, or cup, on the left.

Alhashimi, 40, insisted that all of this is understandable. "Everything about the Arabic language is logic," he assured the class, as he drew the letters on the white board at the front of the small rectangular room.

Other than the students' books and notes and Alhashimi's dry-

erase lesson, there is nothing remotely Arabic in the room, no place a pupil's wandering eye can land for help; instead, the walls are festooned with reminders about English verb constructions for the daytime ESL students.

Kepich, 30, doesn't have to be here: When she moves to Qatar for her two-year stint, she'll be teaching in English at an international school; she won't have to

opportunities in knowing Arabic and have helped make it one of the fastest-growing foreign languages in the United States.

Kepich, who has reddish-brown hair pulled back in a ponytail and blue eyes, is paying her own way in this \$320 course, and applying herself. She's often one of the first to raise her hand and asks questions at the break. "This is the one who reviewed last class," Alhashimi said of her, when she's the only one who can answer a question.

Alhashimi is an enthusiastic yet stern taskmaster, praising the students when they nail a pronunciation or remember a letter, rebuking them when they don't.

"It's not very hard at all," he said, cajoling a discouraged student.

"You need to add more chips to your memory," he scolded them all later.

And, "My ear is sensitive," he warned. "Listen to Sean. If Sean can make it, you can make it."

Sean Riordan is the star of the class, by virtue of having already picked up a lot of Arabic during more than two years in Kuwait. A 34-year-old Marine Corps major dressed in jeans and flip-flops, he has enrolled in the class to, as he puts it, "get all the things I missed" and because he anticipates a return to the region in his next tour of duty.

Alhashimi is an Iraqi who grew up in Kuwait and emigrated to the

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know Arabic. "But I want to learn it," she said.

Her classmates include a French teacher who also conducts tours of Israel, an international development consultant and a Marine, all part of the wave of professionals who see

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United States when he was 25. A computer specialist who is working on his PhD, Alhashimi has a mustache and wears glasses that he occasionally removes toward the end of the intense 21/2-hour class, rubbing his eyes.

He started teaching Arabic as a volunteer at his Falls Church mosque, Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center, helping the children of non-Arab Muslims better understand and appreciate the words from the Quran that they recite every day. Now Alhashimi's students are adults — members of the military, diplomats, potential translators. He considers teaching Arabic more than a job; it's a labor of love.

"I adore my language," he said. "I want everyone to know about my language." The more Americans who learn, the better, he added. "They will be able to communicate with the Arabic world without any mediator or middleman."

The wave of interest in learning Arabic is part of a larger phenomenon in adult education. Americans are signing up for all kinds of foreign language classes, trying to master Chinese, become fluent in Spanish or figure out Farsi. According to a 2002 survey by the Modern Language Association, foreign language study in colleges and universities had jumped by 17 percent over 1998.

While the MLA doesn't have any hard data on older language learn-

ers, Executive Director Rosemary Feal said that anecdotal evidence indicates that there's been a similar increase in adult study.

That certainly seems to be the case in the Washington area, where institutions from community colleges to private language schools report enrollment surges. While some adults are taking classes for personal enrichment, many, like Kepich and Riordan, believe a second language will open doors for them.

"Career-wise, the Department of Defense has made it clear that gaining and retaining people with languages is a priority," Riordan said. "You have to be able to communicate to be effective."

Adults who want to pursue a second language have many options from which to choose. There are private language schools, such as ILI, which offer arrangements ranging from group classes to one-on-one tutoring sessions. There are courses at universities such as Georgetown or Johns Hopkins University. The Graduate School, USDA, which provides continuing education programs open to the general public in three locations in Washington, offered 15 foreign languages this spring, including Czech and Hindi.

Even community colleges are getting into the act: Howard Community College is offering its second intensive Arabic institute this summer. And for those who can't make it to class, there

are computer software programs sold by companies such as Rosetta Stone, which said it has had a 70 percent compound annual growth rate since 1993.

While Spanish remains the language of choice in the Washington area, students can find instruction in almost any tongue. "You never know" what need is going to crop up in the nation's capital, said Fredrik Skoglund, director of ILI. "We have a guy here five hours a day studying Azeri," before heading to Azerbaijan for the State Department.

Along with perennially popular Spanish and French, Italian, Chinese, Portuguese and Arabic are all in increasing demand. "Spanish is the most requested language in our program," said Klaus Luthardt at the USDA. "Chinese is growing quickly, but not as quickly as Arabic. Arabic has grown more quickly, much more. We have doubled or more than doubled the offerings in the last two, three years." In fact, according to the 2002 MLA survey, enrollment in Arabic grew 92 percent nationwide from 1998 to 2002.

Adults who might think that it's too late to acquire a second language can take heart from recent research. According to a study by linguists Marsha Kaplan and Frederick Jackson of the Foreign Service Institute, "skilled adults learn some aspects of the foreign language better and much faster than children. They can do this because they have learned how to learn." The one area



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where, experts seem to think, children have the edge is in developing a native-sounding accent, according to the FSI report.

Luthardt of the USDA said he's seen "people who started later in life and learn very well." What it really takes, he said, is dedication and time.

"If you're doing a language and you want to get any proficiency at all, this is not a fast process," said Luthardt. "You'll be taking a good number of courses. Think of it as a marathon run. It's not a sprint."

So how much time are we talking about? Well, it depends on the language.

The State Department divides languages into three categories of difficulty. The first category includes languages that are closely related to English, such as Spanish or French. It is estimated that such a language would take a half-year of study to attain "general professional proficiency."

The second category includes languages that differ significant-

ly — linguistically or culturally — from English. Think Greek, Russian, Vietnamese. They would take a full year.

Finally, there are four languages considered "exceptionally difficult" for native English speakers to master. For these four — Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Korean — it would take two years of study to achieve proficiency, with the second year of study occurring in the foreign country.

There are some things students can do to make their studies more effective. The Foreign Service authors found that class sizes of five to six for beginners and three to four for advanced levels and more difficult languages are best. Learning strictly through one-on-one tutorial can be a detriment, because students need the interaction with classmates. But perhaps the most important element is the teacher.

"You want someone who is patient, somebody who is able to explain the structures when you

ask about them and who keeps you engaged," said Luthardt.

Students also must be comfortable around their teachers. "If you're going to be afraid of making mistakes, you're going to be silent for a long time," he said. "A really good language teacher makes it so the mistakes don't matter in the sense that you don't feel bad about them, you learn from them."

Lydia Kepich clearly doesn't mind trying things out in class and likes Alhashimi's approach to teaching. She appreciates the insights he gives his students into the culture behind the language, citing his lesson about the Arabic word for "friend." In Arabic, the word for "friend" comes from the root "truth," because, he told the class, "Who is your friend? The one who tells you the truth."

Friends had told Kepich that she might learn to speak Arabic but never to write it. But she said Alhashimi insists that's not true, and he's made her a believer.

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